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- Area's security level raised; rockets hit Sheraton hotel
- 2 GIs killed in roadside blasts as violence continues

A welcome to remember

Soldiers of Old Ironsides salute during the playing of taps during the 1st Armored Division memorial ceremony in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Thursday, First AD troops from across Germany joined visiting dignitaries in a daylong salute to their service in Iraq.

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### e ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

Lori Hacking slaying: Salt Lake City authorities have given Lori Hacking's re mains to her family for a private burial. Family members received the body Tuesday, four days after searchers found the remains at a landfill, where crews combed through mounds of garbage after Hacking's husband, Mark, allegedly con-fessed to shooting her and throwing her

Civil servant bonuses: Federal agency heads would be able to offer employees bonuses of up to 100 percent of their annual salaries as an incentive to join or stay in the federal work force under legislation the House passed Wednesday.

The measure, aimed at helping the government recruit and retain highly qualified people who might otherwise join the private sector. limits recruitment, relocation and retention bonuses to 25 percent of an annual basic pay in most cases but allows for up to 100 percent for employees who meet a "criti-cal agency need." Political appointees are not eligible for the bonuses.

Nader presidential bid: A federal appeals court on Wednesday rejected independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader's attempt to force his way onto the Texas ballot in the November elec-



New Orleans ruled that cess requirements for independents are constitutional Nader tried to get on

the ballot by collecting voter signatures, but his campaign submitted them two weeks after the May deadline.

Aryan Nation charges: The self-proclaimed leader of the Aryan Nation in Nevada was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for allegedly sending threaten-ing e-mails to newspapers in Reno and San Francisco

Steven Holten 40 faces arraignment on one count of transmitting a threat in interstate commerce. The charge carries up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine

D-Day memorial trial: The federal fraud trial of former National D-Day Memorial di-rector Richard B. Burrow ended Wednesday as jurors deadlocked on whether his aggressive fund-raising efforts were illegal

Senior U.S. District Judge James Turk declared a mistrial after a visibly frustrated jury of 11 women and one man told him repeatedly, at times tearfully, during two days of deliberations that they disagreed on all eight fraud counts

Clinic-bombing trial: Prosecutors in the death penalty case against alleged serial homber Eric Rudolph are distancing them. selves from a government expert who once acknowledged making jokes and comments ridiculing blacks.

Forensic chemist Edward Bender, who works for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, will not testify

Koreas talks: South Korean soldiers open a gate Thursday for military vehicles arriving at the Demilitarized Zone that separates North and South Korea. Military officials from the two countries met Thursday to discuss land routes across their border, following a three-month hiatus in dialogue.

in Rudolph's trial next year, prosecutors said in papers posted Wednesday on a court

#### World

Hurricane Ivan: Secretary of State Colin Powell pledged millions of dollars in aid to heln Grenada recover from the devastation of Hurricane Ivan, saving the American government recognizes urgent needs on the Caribbean island

"Grenada has been hit the hardest, so you can expect the assistance that we will be providing to you will be significant," Powell said, without providing an exact figure for Grenada's share.

Mideast fighting: Two Palestinian boys. ages 14 and 15, were killed in an Israeli mis sile strike on Thursday, their relatives said. The army said the missile was aimed at

militants about to fire a Oassam rocket. The boys' relatives said the two had been playing with an empty tube and gasoline-filled bottles, apparently trying to imitate the gun-men who fire rockets.

Nuclear disarmament: Russia shrugged off U.S. criticism over nuclear issues Thursday, saying it had made progress in reducing its tactical weapons in Europe and would continue cooperating with Iran's program despite concerns Tehran might be trying to develop atomic weapons.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said a 1991-1992 initiative to reduce tactical nuclear weapons and implement other disarmament measures was being "completely fulfilled.

India's nuclear capability: India will not sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in its present form. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Thursday, in his first statement on the country's nuclear policy since he came to power in May

India is a "responsible" nuclear power that will use nuclear weapons only defensively, Singh said.

#### Military

Scott Speicher search: Insurgent violence in Iraq has impeded the U.S. mili-

tary's search for clues to the fate of missing Navy pilot Capt. Michael Scott Speicher, a Marine Corps general

The active phase of the search ended in May and no new leads emerged since then, Brig, Gen, Joseph J. McMenamin. military commander of the Iraq Survey Group, told the Senate Armed



Speicher

Services Committee on Wednesday

Speicher was shot down in an F/A-18 over central Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991, the opening night of the Gulf War. His remains were

#### War on terrorism

Guantanamo detainees: An Army officer at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on Wednesday denied making statements attributed to him in a British newspaper that suggested many of the alleged al-Qaida and Taliban detainees were no threat to the country and would be freed

In a statement released Wednesday, the military unit running the detention facility said remarks by its deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Martin Lucenti, were "misquoted or taken out of context" by the Financial Times in an article Tuesday.

#### **Business**

Fannie Mae investigation: At turns defiant and emotional. Fannie Mae's top executive. Franklin Raines, denied that the mortgage giant's manipulated its earnings and questioned an investigative report of the company's accounting practices as factually

Stories and photos from wire services



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# 1st AD welcomed home after deployment

### Wiesbaden remembers troops killed in Iraq

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Strines

WIESBADEN, Germany - For soldiers like Cpl. Aaron Johns and Sgt. Kirk Ishitani, it was a day of remembrance and reunions, a time of reflection.

The 1st Armored Division set aside Thursday to formally - and informally celebrate its 15-month tour in Iraq, and its triumphant return. There have been other "Welcome Home" ceremonies, but those were smaller af-

fairs On this day, 1st AD troops from all over central Germany joined a cadre of visiting dignitaries, from Deputy Secretary from a turant. Defense Paul Wolfowitz to U.S. Wolfownz ... Ambassador to Dan Coats, to mark the

Johns and Ishitani were among the estimated 2,500 troops who as sembled at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield parade ground for the dedication of a monument to the 130 soldiers of the 1st AD who died in Iraq

"I helped liberate a country, Ishitani said when asked what he would someday tell his grandkids. "I helped set a people free from a tyrant." It was a theme repeated at the

afternoon ceremony, the formal "Welcome Home" portion that drew the largest crowd.

"Our enemies will never for-Wolfowitz said "and our friends will always remember what the 1st Armored Division" died in Iraq.

Listening to Wolfowitz's remarks and others were family members, newly decorated soldiers - six of whom received the Silver Star - and several seriously injured 1st AD troops.

Wolfowitz read a letter from President Bush, in which the commander-in-chief noted how much "our country is proud of your service" in Operation Iraqi Free-

the After 44 I helped liberate speeches and ceremonial cannon fire, the balance of the day took on a more festive fla-There was food and drinks. and entertain-

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Sgt. Kirk Ishitani 1st AD

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The draw of the day was expected to be the evening concert headlined by the Country Western band Sawyer Brown.

adults.

The war in Iraq "is an experience I won't soon forget," Johns said. As he spoke of his pride in "helping to rebuild a nation," Johns surveyed the field, looking for faces he last glimpsed in Iraq.

Not far away stood 1st Lt. Will Dossantos, chatting with three captains: Joshua Trigo, Christopher Lane and Seneca Pena-Collazo. All are with the 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment in

It took a few minutes, but Dossantos figured out it was Pena-Collazo, an Apache helicop-

ter pilot, who helped saved his skin one morning last November.

Dossantos was attached to the 307th Military Police Company of Pennsylvania National Guard when it came under fire while checking a supply route for explosives. Unbeknownst to the attackers, Pena-Collazo and another Apache pilot were nearby, and responded with such speed and force that Dossantos couldn't help but still marvel at their timely appearance.

"This stuff stays etched in your brain," Dossantos said, recalling that event and others.

That attack came a few days after the MP unit lost one of its soldiers, Sgt. Nicholas Tomko.

"It was sad. We worked together every day," Dossantos said of "... It could have been anyone of our guys."

Tomko's name was one of 130 names that will go on a permanent memorial that is currently being built. The monument un-veiled Thursday is a replica of the granite monument that will replace it later this year.

"We really can't honor them they did that for themselves," said Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the 1st AD commander, said in remarks at the morning dedica-

"And we really shouldn't mourn them because their lives weren't taken; they were given. We should celebrate their lives. remember their families, and recommit ourselves to the hard work remaining to ensure we live up to their example.'

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The 1st Armored Division color guard participate in the official welcome home ceremony for the 1st AD in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Thurs day. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz; American ambassador to Germany Dan Coats; Supreme Allied Commander Europe Marine General James Jones; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker: and U.S. Army Europe commander Gen. B.B. Bell were among the guests at the ceremony.



Phil Baker breaks the ice at the Darmstadt Middle School in Germany on Thursday prior to teaching children about the six pillars of character through his "Character Rocks" performace.

### Performing artist's program gives kids tools to build better character

By JESSICA INIGO Stars and Strines

DARMSTADT. Germany Good moral fiber in children is just a song away.

The Parent-Teacher Organizations on U.S. military posts invited performing artist Phil Baker to teach children about building character.

Using a guitar and a song, Baker teaches how character can be built with the acronym TR-RFCC (pronounced terrific). The letters stand for: trustworthiness. respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

These are the six pillars of character, according to Baker, and he teaches them through his program "Character Rocks.

Baker's program goes in line with the education framework "Character Counts" which "Character Counts, which comes from a nonprofit and nonpartisan teaching organization based in Los Angeles, and teaches voung people right from wrong

in the classroom, living room and Ramstein High School on Thurslocker mom. "This program gets kids to ask

themselves questions about the kind of person they're becoming." Baker said.

He explained, though military children may have more maturity and worldly views having traveled and lived in areas throughout the world, Character Counts can still help shape their charac-

Though there's singing and dancing, it's not all fun and games during Baker's performance.

Children are asked important questions and put through serious scenarios to teach them how different character traits can be beneficial. Baker said. Baker will be performing for

students at schools in Germany. Italy, Spain, Kuwait, and Bahrain, In Germany, Baker will perform at Aukamm Elementary School and Dexheim Elementary School on Tuesday, Bitburg Ele-mentary School on Wednesday.

Landstuhl Elementary School on Oct. 15, Ramstein Middle School on Oct. 15, in Mannheim on Nov. 1, Robinson Barracks Elementary School on Nov. 2, Ansbach Elementary School on Nov. 3. and Schweinfurt Middle School on Nov. 3.

In Italy, Baker will perform at Aviano Elementary School and Middle School on Oct. 18, Vicenza Elementary School on Oct. 19, Naples Elementary School on Oct. 20 and 21, Gaeta American School on Oct. 22, La Maddalena Elementary and Middle School on Oct. 25. Sevilla Elementary School on Oct. 27.

In Spain, he'll perform at Rota Elementary School on Oct. 28. He will end his tour at the American International School in Kuwait on Nov. 6 and Bahrain School on

For more information go online to www.charactercounts.org.

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# Frankfurt's world-class book fair this weekend

BY JESSICA INIGO Stars and Strines

FRANKFURT, Germany - Get to know the world - its people, food, interests, music and spirit - all in a day.

The Frankfurt Book Fair, which will be open and selling to the public Saturday and Sunday, features an expansive selection of books, magazines, films, software, calendars, bookmarks and toys from around the world.

There are children's books, comics, maps and do-it-yourself manuals. There are books on people, history, cooking, fashion, photography, travel and just about any other fiction or nonfiction book imaginable from 111 countries and myriad lan-

The book fair calls itself "the biggest lit-erary festival worldwide." This year there are 6,648 publishers and companies covering an area of 42 acres within the multistory steel-and-glass halls of the Frankfurt Messe, ready to offer insight into their culture and countries through literature, as well as through food, drink and language.

For instance a German cookbook stand offers freshly sliced ham, while an Italian exhibitor offers grapes and wine. Turkish stands have dishes of candy-covered nuts and Greek publishers offer tiny pastries.

Visitors are given maps as they arrive and there are larger maps in front of each hall to help bookworms navigate the fairgrounds. Good walking shoes are suggested

This year's display is slightly larger than last year's, with about 350,000 titles to view. Though some items are for sale during the event, many new books are just for viewing, but can be ordered from bookstores while at the fair.

The Arab World is this year's guest of honor. Exhibits showcase Arab handi-crafts, posters and shelf after shelf of Arabic books in many languages on an entire floor in Hall 6. There are U.S. military books translated into Arabic, as well as war on terror books in English

The library-quiet hall also showcases the Arab world's move into technology with a large computer room and film viewing area. Digital copies of manuscripts written before Christ on papyrus are displayed on computer screens, with



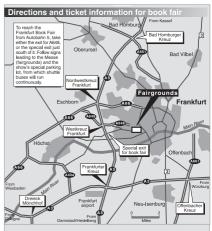
More than 6,600 exhibitors from 111 countries will be at the Frankfurt Book Fair this year. The fair - considered the world's largest - runs through Sunday at the Frankfurt fairgrounds.

multi-language speaking assistants explaining how to view the manuscripts, which are usually locked behind museum

In other halls, where many countries are lined back-to-back, English-language readers can get a feel of what's up and coming in the literary world with displays from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and many other English-speaking countries. There are about 1.600 displays in Hall 8 for English speak-

U.S. publishing companies line up their favorites and showcase what will be on bookshelves in the coming months.

"Our big book right now is Jon Stewart's



WHEN: The fair is open to the public Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday is the last day of the fair, a change from other years when it opened a half-day on Monday.

COSTS: Adults 9 euros, children 6 to 18 years old 3,50 euros; children 5 and under free. Price includes transportation to and from the parking area. All other public transportation is not included in the book fair ticket.

■ PARKING: Visitors to the Frankfurt Book Fair traveling by car should follow parking signs to the Rebstock area. A free shuttle bus service ope parking area and the Frankfurt Book Fair entrance at Hall 9.

PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripe

'America (The Book),' " Robert Michel, vice president and director of International Sales for Time Warner Book Group, said of the new release from the "Daily Show" frontman.

"This will have strong military sales and will be sold at [Army and Air Force Exchange Servicel BookMarks."

Though "America" is not be on sale at the book fair, Comedy Central and Stewart fans can get a glimpse of what's to come, which, Michel says, is what the book fair is all about

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# Officials to make flight to show confidence in MV-22

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINTON, Va. - When Gen. Bryan Brown parachutes Friday out of an MV-22 Osprey, it'll be of his own volition.

Brown, commanding general of Special Operations Command, will be joined by other top officials in an orientation of the once-troubled tilt-rotor aircraft program, including Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper who will revert to his days of flight as he co-pilots one of the Osprey flights at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

Rounding out the passenger list Air Force Secretary James Roche and Thomas O'Connell, assistant secretary of defense for Special Operations and Low-intensity Conflict, who will be take separate orientation flights to learn more about the aircraft.

"It's important to them to familiarize themselves with the aircraft," Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Mike Caldwell said of Roche's and Jumper's desires to flv in the aircraft. "They haven't had a chance to fly on it before and this gives them an opportunity to see it first-hand and have a better idea of how they want to carry on with the program in the

In August 2000, a Marine Corps Osprey crashed during a training flight in Arizona, killing its 19 pas sengers. Another crashed in December that same year in North Carolina, killing four Marines and bringing the testing program to a halt. But since the MV-22 return to flight in May 2002, the air-crafts have more than 1,740 safe and incident-free flight hours Campbell said.

The Marine Corps has not taken any steps crews would not ordinarily take to prepare for the flights, even if it's for the Air Force Secretary and Chief of Staff and other high-ranking officials, said Corps spokesman Capt.

The MV-22 has tilt-rotor capabil-ities that let it take off and land ver-



A Bell Boeing MV-22 Osprey comes in for a landing at the Pentagon on Sept. 8, 1999, Military officials are going to show their confidence in the once-troubled aircraft by making a flight in an Osprey on Friday.

tically like a helicopter, but fly like a fixed-wing airplane. It is being built by Boeing's helicopter division and Bell Helicopter Textron.

The Air Force wants 50 Ospreys for special operations missions, and the Marine Corps intends to buy 360 to replace its aging fleet of CH-53D Sea Stallion and CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters as its primary troop transporter. The Navy might buy about 50. Putting top leaders into the air

craft "puts a glowing endorse-ment on the program itself if they're willing to do something like that," said J. Joseph, a retired Marine Corps colonel with 20,000 flight hours in aircraft ranging from general aviation to high performance military and air carrier

aircraft, including 22 years of experience in aviation accident analvsis and reconstruction. He currently is a commercial airline

"The testing program has gone on long enough. I think this is a prudent move," said Joseph, who never has flown the Osprey, but has followed closely the program, especially after a Marine Corps pilot friend was killed in initial testing about 10 years ago.

"The program has faced a num-ber of setbacks. It's complicated new technology, but the Marine Corps has put it's best foot for-ward and done a good job on its testing program," Joseph said. It's been a roller coaster of a ride for the program, which got started in 1989 and twice faced

cancellation, first because of the program's high costs, and again because of the 2000 fatal crashes.

But Marine Corps leaders especially have remained steadfast in keeping the program alive, main-taining that the technology is sound and proven, and the Corps needs the versatile aircraft.

# Schweinfurt mourns two more lost soldiers

### Killed same day serving in Iraq, GIs remembered

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Strines

Sgt. 1st Class Joselito Villanueva charmed friends with his quick wit and jolly laugh, and he took care of his men like family. Spc. Gregory Cox said little but worked hard at the tough job of soldiering in Irag.

Last spring, the two men both landed with Task Force 1-77 in Iraq, and they both died within an hour of each other Sept. 27 in separate incidents near their home base at Balad

A Schweinfurt community weary of loss gathered Wednesday at the Ledward Barracks chapel to mourn them. They are the 28th and 29th Schweinfurt-based soldiers killed in action since the 1st Infantry Division deployed to Iraq last spring

Villanueva, 36, of the 9th Engineer Battalion, was born in the Philippines, but his family later moved to Van Nuys, Calif. He joined the Army in 1986, served in Operation Desert Storm and arrived in Schweinfurt in 2000

His sunny personality quickly endeared "Sergeant V" to many of his fellow soldiers and their families

"Joe was a very sweet guy, and he had such a big heart," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Robinson and his wife, Anna Marie, in a tribute read at Wednesday's service.

"He was also sociable, and he loved hanging out at the Irish Pub with all his friends I don't think Joe realized how special he made people feel."

Villanueva served in Kosovo with his unit in 2002, and he deployed to Iraq last February as the platoon sergeant for Company C's 2nd platoon. He looked out for his men

"He developed that sense of family within his platoon and in the company," said

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Capt. Henry Delacruz, commander of Task Force 1-77's Company B, to which Villanueva's platoon was attached. "He created this bond that made them the most tight-knit platoon that I've ever seen or worked

Villanueva earned a Purple Heart last April when a roadside bomb exploded next to his Humvee, killing one of his soldiers. A small piece of shrapnel pierced his neck, and he nearly died, too.

About 8:30 a.m. Sept. 27, Villaneuva's patrol stopped to aid an Iraqi truck driver who had been driving erratically and crashed his truck. As Villanueva got out to help, a hidden sniper fatally shot him. No one else was injured.

Cox had died a short time earlier, when his Humvee was run off the road by an Iraqi driver - unintentionally, according to a Pentagon statement - and rolled over.



Above: A soldier salutes, honoring the memory of Sgt. 1st Class Joselito Villanueva and Spc. Gregory Cox, while Spc. Andrew Davis, left and Staff Sgt. John Polanco, right, serve as honor guards Wednesday at the Ledward Barracks in Germany. Left: Villanueva, seen in left photo, and Cox, right, both members of Task Force 1-77, were killed Sept. 27 in Iraq.

Cox grew up in Carmichaels, Pa., part of a tightly knit Catholic family. He and his sister, Nicole, worked together as altar servers at their church until his high school years, according to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

He played youth soccer and basketball and impressed friends with his dry sense of humor

"He was a quiet kid," George Parish, a childhood friend, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette last week. "But whenever the time came when the mood was down, he al-

ways had something funny to say Parrish is now a student at West Virginia University.

Cox joined the Army after graduating from high school in 2001 and left for basic training just days before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The next April, he joined Company C of the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment.

Last February, Cox deployed with his unit to Iraq. Trained on tanks, he quickly learned the infantryman's trade because of Task Force 1-77's mission. He had recently returned from a mid-tour leave spent with his family in Pennsylvania.

"[He was] a teammate for many [and] had come out of his shell while down-range," said Lt. Col. David Hubner, the task force commander, in comments read at Wednesday's service, "to become one of the guys who was always joking around with his friends, check[ing] on everybody else, always ready for the next patrol.

Cox is survived by his parents, John and Mary Anne Cox and his sister Nicole

Villanueva is survived by his parents, Edito and Pilarita Villanueva. Both soldiers were posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

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The Russian Navy ship RFNS Admiral Leychenko. foreground, and the USS Hue City maneuver along side each other during tactical maneuvering drills in support of Northern Eagle 2004.

#### Navy, Northern Fleet exercise ends

The guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City and two Russian Navy vessels have finished the first exercise between the Russian Northern Fleet and U.S.

Northern Eagle 2004, a four-day exercise in the North Sea off Stavanger, Norway, was aimed at in-creasing security cooperation and understanding between the two nations, according to a Naval Forces Europe news release. The exercise ended Monday.

Sailors from the Udaloy class guided-missile destroyers RFNS Adm. Levchenko and RFNS Severomorsk, joined Hue City crewmembers on various naval drills, including firefighting, communications

U.S. and Russian helicopters also practiced landing on the other nation's ships.

During the exercise, two U.S. officers sailed with the Adm. Levchenko and two Russian officers were

aboard the Hue City, translating and helping explain the other's tactics. "The crew was warm and receptive, and they picked up on U.S. tactics quickly," said Ensign Chris Burnett, the Hue City's electronics material officer,

Job fair open to community

The 280th Base Support Battalion, based in Schweinfurt, Germany, will conduct a job fair on Oct. 15 for all members of the military community,

The fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Club on Conn Barracks. Although the jobs will be primarily nonappropriated funds positions, other agencies will also be present, and some manag-

ers are expected to make on-the-spot hires. For more information, call DSN 354-6486 or civilian 09721-966486

#### Second presidential debate on AFN

American Forces Network Europe will air the second presidential debate live from St. Louis on the AFN News TV channel and Power Network Radio at

3 a.m. Saturday It will re-air the debate three times later Saturday. Those times are:

- 10 a.m. on AFN-Pacific/Korea TV channels;
- 11 a.m. on AFN-Europe TV; 7 p.m. on AFN-News TV.

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# **General withdraws as PACOM nominee**

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force general who would have been the first from his service to command all U.S. forces in the Pacific is giving up his presidential nomination in the face of a fierce political fight between the Air Force and the Senate over a controversial deal with Boeing Co.

The Pentagon announced
Wednesday night that Gen. Gregory S. Martin, who appeared at his
confirmation hearing earlier in
the day before the Senate Armed
Services Committee, had request-



Martin

nomination to succeed Adm. Thomas Fargo as commander of U.S. Pacific Com-

er of U.S. Pacific Command be withdrawn. The Pentagon state-

on statement gave no reason for the extraordi-

nary reversal, but a spokesman for Air Force Materiel Command,

August 2003, said Martin believed that questions raised at the hearing about his connection to the Boeing deal made his confir-

mation problematic.
Bryan Whitman, a spokesman
for Defense Secretary Donald H.
Rumsfeld, said Rumsfeld agreed
to pull the nomination. He said no
decision had been made on a new
nominee for the Pacific Command job, which is responsible
for U.S. military operations
throughout the Pacific and por-

tions of the Indian Ocean.

Martin would have been the first Air Force officer to hold the Pacific Command post, which has

traditionally been held by a Navy admiral.

Fargo is scheduled to retire this fall, but he apparently will remain until another nominee is chosen and confirmed by the Sen-

It's not clear whether Martin will remain at Air Force Materiel Command.

Martin's troubles at his confirmation hearing began with statements and questions posed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. They pertained to a controversy over the Air Force's proposed deal with Boeing to lease 767 plants for use as serial tankers, and to a

scandal involving a former Air Force civilian official, Darleen Druyun, who was sentenced to nine months in prison Friday for helping Boeing obtain a lucrative contract in exchange for an executive job at the company.

Martin is not accused of wrongdoing in either matter, but McCain asserted that the general was "involved" in the \$23 billion tanker lease arrangement. McCain pressed him so hard on the issues Wednesday that Martin concluded his confirmation would be held up for months, said Col. Jack Ivy, spokesman for Air Force Materiel Command.

## House passes health benefits bill for reservists and veterans

The Associated Pre

WASHINGTON — The House voted early Thursday to extend health coverage for reservists, reflecting the longer periods of active duty being required of National Guard and Reserve members.

The legislation, approved by voice vote, increases from 18 months to 24 months the maximum period under which reservists covered by the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act can continue employer-sponsored health care COMPTAGE.

The bill also strengthens lease termination protections enacted into law last year for the dependents of service members who are given military orders to move Another provision outlines civil penalties for fidu-

ciaries who misuse the assets of service members. Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Christopher Smith, R-N.J., and others expressed regret that the final bill did not contain a provision allowing the Veterans Affairs Department to provide postnatal care to newborns of female veterans receiving maternity care who are without other health insurance

Separately, the House passed by voice a bill that expands a 2001 law that provides grants to programs addressing the problem of homeless veterans. Smith estimated that since 2001 the numbers of homeless veterans had decreased from 275,000 to 200,000.



Robert Halbrook, right, talks to people on a tour of the Memphis Belle airplane exhibit Tuesday, in Millington, Tenn. The Memphis Belle is destined for the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The Belle is one of the first B-17 bombers to complete 25 Complat missions over German-occupied Europe in World War II.

### Historic airplane leaves namesake city

BY WOODY BAIRD

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Belle, the World War II bomber that was named for its pilot's sweetheart, is headed north to the Air Force's national museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Local preservationists who have struggled for decades to keep the plane in its namesake city are not pleased, but seem resigned to the move.

The Belle was one of the first B-17s to complete a required 25 combat missions over German-occupied Europe. Its crew came home for a nationwide bond-selling tour and the Belle became a wartime symbol of heroism and sacrifice.

At the U.S. Air Force National Museum, it will continue to help tell the story of the air war over Europe, officials say.

The Belle association, financed by private donations, partially restored the Belle and put it on public display in Memphis in 1987.

It was moved to a hangar at a former Navy air base last year for more restoration, and about a thousand visitors a month drop by to watch the work on the plane.

The Belle was the focus of two movies, the first a War Department documentary by film maker William Wyler. In 1990, Warner Brothers released a commercial movie called "Memphis Belle," based loosely on the combat experiences of the plane's crew.

# Report cites failures in case of Lejeune contaminated water

BY SANDRA JONTZ

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Marine Corps failed to recognized the potentially serious health risks of the contaminated drinking water and did not adequately inform its residents at the Camp Lejeune, N.C., base who consumed it, according to a report from the independent panel convened by the Commandant to analyze the debacle.

Officials discovered the toxic chemicals in the early 1980s in the drinking water, particularly in supply that provided water to the two housing complexes of Hadnot Point and Tarawa Ter-

The panel, appointed in February by Gen. Michael W. Hagee, criticized the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic Division, those who tested the water, as being "not aggressive in providing Camp Lejeune with information and expertise to be a considerable of the content of the content

alta in the account of the season of the sea

However, the panel concluded that base officials acted responsibly, the report states, and the water testers and base officials aren't the only ones at fault, the three-member panel concluded.

"Factors that appear to have hindered Camp Lejeune from quickly recognizing the significance of contamination from volatile organic compounds (VOCs) include: the absence of regulatory standards; no records of water quality complaints from base residents; water sampling errors; and in-

consistent sampling results."
The panel was headed by
Ronald Packard, who served as
a California representative in
Congress from 1983 to 2000.

Other panelists included retired Marine Corps Gen. Richard Hearney, assistant commandant from 1994 to 1996, Robert Pirie Jr., assistant Navy secretary for Installations and Environment from 1994 to 2000, Jernome Gilbert, a water expert and one Gilbert, a water expert and control of the control of the control california State Water Resources and Control Board; and Robert Tardiff, a toxicology and environmental expert.

In May 1982, scientists found the presence of degreaser tricholoroethylene, or TCE, and the dry-cleaning solvent tetrachloroethylene, or PCE, in the dry-cleaning solvent tetrachloroethylene, or PCE, in the drinking water at Tarawa Terwells were not shut down until three years later. Eventually, the source of the contamination was traced to a commercial drycleaners near the main gate and a vehicle maintenance and body

a venner hainterance and tony shop on the base. Shop on the base ency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, a unit of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, released preliminary results of a health survey of 12.898 children born to women the best of the base of the b

The panel recommended the Corps upgrade environmental and risk communications training for base leadership and staffs, and make public the panel's findings, which it did.

It also recommended the ATSDR expedite its epidemiological study of possible health effects from contaminated drinking water at Camp Leieune.

ing water at Camp Lejeume. For the next 30 days, the Marine Corps seeks public comment on the Panel's report. Those interested can write to the Drinking Water Fact-Finding Panel for Camp Lejeume, 1530 Wilson Blvd, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209; or e-mail cl-survey@home.usmc.mil

The full report will be available on the Internet at the Marine Corps' Camp Lejeune Website: http://www.usmc.mil/camplejeune/clbwatersurveyinfo.nsf/

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# **Cheney: WMD report proves case for war**

BY TOM RAUM The Associated Press

MIAMI - Vice President Dick Cheney asserted on Thursday that a finding by the chief U.S weapons inspector in Iraq that Saddam Hussein's government produced no weapons of mass destruction after 1991 justifies rather than undermines President Bush's decision to go to war.

The report shows that "delay, defer, wait wasn't an option Cheney told a town hall-style

meeting. While Democrats pointed to the new report by Charles Duelfer to bolster their case that invading Iraq was a mistake. Cheney focused on portions that istration's case.

"The headlines all say no wean. ons of mass destruction stockpiled in Baghdad. We already

knew that," Cheney said He said other parts of the report were "more intriguing."

Cheney's comments reflect a GOP strategy to use portions of the report, including abuses of Iraq's "fuel for food" program, to try to move discussion away from the central conclusions on the absence of weapons of mass destruc-

Although the report says Saddam's weapons program had deteriorated since the 1991 Gulf War and did not pose a threat to the am's main goal was the removal of international sanctions

"As soon as the sanctions were lifted, he had every intention of going back" to his weapons program, Cheney said.

The vice president said the report concluded that the United Nations' "Fuel for Food" program "was totally corrupted by Saddam Hussein. There were suggestions employees of the United Nations were part of the scheme as well.

"The suggestion is clearly there by Mr. Duelfer that Saddam had used the program in such a way that he had bought off foreign governments and was building support among them to take

Thus there was no reason to wait to invade Iraq to give inspectors more time to do their work Cheney said

"The sanctions regime was coming apart at the seams, Cheney told a later forum in Fort Myers. "Saddam perverted that whole thing and generated billions of dollars. ... He used the funds to corrupt others."

The new GOP strategy contained some risks to Bush: Some of the countries possibly implicated in wrongdoing in the program include U.S. allies in Iraq, particularly Poland, as well as Russia countries the administration does not want to alienate.

On Wednesday, the forme head of the U.N. weapons inspe tion team, Hans Blix, said: "Had we had a few months more [of inspections before the war], we would have been able to tell both the CIA and others that there were no weapons of mass destruction [at] all the sites that they had

given to us." Duelfer's report said what ambitions Saddam harbored for such weapons were secondary to his goal of evading the sanctions, and he wanted weapons primarily not to attack the United States or to provide them to terrorists but to oppose his older enemies, Iran and Israel.

The report of the weapons hunter was presented Wednesday to senators and the public.

# 'Democracy is a baby in Afghanistan'

### Through persistent violence, nation will choose its president on Saturday

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- Afghanistan's first direct presidential ballot Saturday will be a historic experiment with democracy after more than two decades of ruin, from Soviet occupation to civil war to the repressive Taliban and the U.S. bombing campaign that ended their rule

Despite persistent violence from still-vigorous Taliban insurgents, the United Nations has declared this hard-luck nation ready for the vote, following a campaign that focused on tackling feuding factions and helping people out of poverty

Thousands of polling stations manned by hastily trained staff open early Saturday for some 10.5 million Afghans who regis tered for the landmark vote. It will be close ly watched by American, NATO and Afghan security forces.

Interim leader Hamid Karzai, seen by many Afghans as a bridge to the West and a figure unsullied by the country's long-running strife, is expected to garner the most votes and secure a five-year term. Partial results are expected by midweek.

But there are serious doubts about the integrity of the country's fledgling democracy amid sustained violence and evidence that officials have abused their office to help the U.S.-backed incumbent.

Peace will not come until the Afghans see that their rights are being observed,' said Yusuf Pashtun, the governor of Kandahar province, once the capital of the Taliban regime and home to Osama bin Laden.

Ahmed Wali Karzai, the president's brother who has marshaled his campaign in the south, said, "Democracy is a baby in Afghanistan

Karzai, the overwhelming favorite among the 18 contenders, has said Saturday's election is an opportunity to build a



A U.N. election staff member distributes ballot boxes in Herat, Afghanistan, on Thursday. The man was part of a convoy moving boxes throughout the Karokh area. The country's first direct presidential elections will be held Saturday.

new future for a country that has known nothing but war, drought and poverty for a

quarter century. The vote is a key step in rebuilding an Afghan society following decades of turbu-lence, with the Soviet invasion of 1979, the 1985-89 war against the occupiers, the ruinous 1992-96 civil war that ended with a Taliban victory, and the U.S. campaign to oust

them in late 2001. Karzai's opponents include warlord chieftains of Afghanistan's northern minorities to a relative of the country's last king and a former U.N. worker running as the only female candidate.

The breadth of the field could scatter votes so widely that Karzai fails to achieve the majority needed to avert a run-off, which would give Taliban rebels another chance to disrupt Afghanistan's democratic process. At least a dozen election workers have died so far in a string of attacks. while Karzai and two his closest aides survived rocket and bomb attacks.

While Karzai has won endorsements from regional leaders across the country's deep ethnic divides, many of his fellow ethnic Pashtuns have not registered in the south due to insecurity. And custom has prevented many women from signing up.

Drug smugglers and disgruntled militia forces who helped the U.S. military oust the Taliban three years ago but are now set for disarmament under a U.N.-backed peace plan also may have reason to disrupt

#### Drug smugglers blamed for attack on running mate

KABUL, Afghanistan - The Afghan government on Thursday blamed drug smugglers - not Taliban or al-Oaida fighters - for a bomb attack on interim leader Hamid Karzai's vice presidential running mate, saying the country's land-mark elections are a threat to their busi-

The attack Wednesday in the mountainous northeastern poppy-growing re-gion of Badakhshan killed one person and wounded at least five others — in-cluding the former governor. Karzai's running mate, Ahmed Zia Massood, was unharmed

"I don't want to name anybody, but the evidence shows that it was the work of drug smugglers, because this process [the election] is against their interests,"

said Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali. The allegation of drug ties to the attack on Massood was illustrative of what might prove a time of transition in Afghanistan, from a largely rebel and al-Qaida-based threat, to one marked by the threat of ever-more violent drug interests.

Heroin and opium production has boomed in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime.

Still, the American military sees the election as an opportunity for the militants and

Karzai's internationally backed transitional government to seek reconciliation. About 18,000 U.S.-led troops are in Afghanistan, up from 11,000 late last year, to help protect the vote. Another 9,000 NATO-commanded soldiers are also there.





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# **Green Zone security raised after incident**

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Two American soldiers were killed and two others were wounded in separate attacks involving roadside bombs, U.S. officials said Thursday, and 20 Iraqis were arrested in the north in operations against those suspected of planting explosives.

U.S. authorities, meanwhile, raised the security alert in the heavily guarded Green Zone after an improvised bomb was found in front of a restaurant there.

One U.S. soldier from the 13th Corps Support Command died when a bomb exploded near his convoy late Wednesday outside the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, the command said. Two other soldiers were wounded.

A 1st Infantry Division soldier was killed and an Iraqi interpreter wounded when insurgents attacked a patrol with a roadside bomb near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, the command said.

The warning to Americans and Iraqi officials in the Green Zone followed the discovery Tuesday of an explosive device at the Green Zone Cafe, a popular hargout for Westerners living and working in the compound, which houses major U.S. and Iraqi government offices. A U.S. military ordnance detachment safely disarmed it, U.S. officials said.

A loud explosion shook the Green Zone on Thursday afternoon and smoke was seen rising from inside the compound. The U.S. military had no immediate information on the incident. Insurgents regularly fire at the compound.

Americans living and working in the zone were told to travel in groups and avoid specific areas and nonessential travel.

Although movements in and out of the Green Zone are restricted, about 10,000 Iraqis live inside

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, 1,064 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 809 died as a result of hostile action and 25S died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 926 U.S. military members have died — 700 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Wednesday. The latest deaths reported

by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

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No identifications report-

the 4-square-mile district, located along the western side of the Tigris River.

Later Thursday, two rockets hit a downtown Baghdad hotel housing foreigners and journalists, and gunfire erupted in the neighborhood across the Tigris River from the U.S. Embassy compound.

Security guards at the Palestine hotel said two rockets fired from the back of a pickup struck the nearby Sheraton hotel, shattering windows and filling the main lobby of the hotel with smoke and debris. Several shaken Westerners emerged from the hotel, some covering their mouths with cloths, as workers swept up shards from shattered plate-glass doors in the Sheraton lobby. A huge crack appeared in the lobby wall.

Outside, bursts of automatic gunfire were heard in the street between the Sheraton and nearby Palestine hotel, which also is a base for foreigners. The gunfire lasted for about 10 minutes after the explosions.

A security guard speaking on the condition of anonymity said private security guards deployed on the roofs in the compound fired at the pickup truck, destroying it.

The blaze was believed caused by several rockets that landed in the compound, which is surrounded by a concrete wall, sky.

The Iraqi government was reported close to an agreement with followers of al-Sadr to end weeks of fighting in his stronghold of Sadr City, a teeming Shiite slum in northeastern Baghdad.

An aide to al-Sadr offered Thursday to hand over medium and heavy weapons and cooperate with Iraqi security forces in

the capital if the government stops pursuing members of the Shiite militia and releases most of the cleric's followers from iail.

The offer, made by al-Sadr spokesman Ali Smeisem on Al-Arabiya television, was aimed at striking a deal to end weeks of fighting between U.S. troops and

al-Sadr's militia in Sadr City.

There was no comment from the Iraqi government or the U.S. command.

Smeisem made no commitment to disband the Mahdi Army militia — a key U.S. and Iraqi demand. Smeisem also insisted the government respect the "political role" of al-Sadr's movement.



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# Pakistan bans gatherings after attack

### At least 39 people killed, about 100 wounded after bombs explode at Sunni Muslim rally

BY KHALID TANVEER The Associated Press

MULTAN, Pakistan - Pakistan announced a han on religious and political gatherings nationwide after a bomb attack against Sunni Muslim radicals in a cen-tral city early Thursday killed at people and wounded about 100 others.

Police suspected it was a sectarian attack, and army troops were deployed to keep order in Multan, where about 2,000 angry Sunnis gathered outside a hospital where victims were taken, shouting "Shi-ites are infidels!" and slogans against the government.

The bombing came less than a week after a suicide attack left 31 dead at a Shiite mosque in an eastern city

Late Thursday, Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao told re-porters that the ban on public gatherings - except for prayers on Friday, the Muslim sabbath had been imposed to prevent any more attacks by terrorists. He did not say how long the ban would

Police tightened security in other cities. In Karachi, scene of sectarian terrorist attacks and unrest in May, extra police were deploved at mosques.

Thursday's bloodshed happened before dawn.

A car bomb exploded near where some 3,000 people had congregated overnight in a residential area of Multan to mark the anniversary of the death of the leader of the outlawed Sunni radical group Sipah-e-Sahaba killed in an attack last year.

Two minutes later, what appeared to be a second bomb attached to a motorcycle went off, deputy city police chief Arshad Hameed said.

Officials at the Nishtar government hospital said at least 39 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded, about 50 serious ly. Some 50 others were treated for minor injuries and later discharged. Other people were taken to other clinics

Pools of blood and shoes of the victims were scattered at the scene, near the charred remains of the car

Shernao said it was a remote-controlled bomb planted inside a Suzuki car. Police estimated it weighed about 15 pounds, and said most injuries were caused by flying metal from the vehicle.

It did not appear to be a suicide

attack because no body parts were found inside the car, Multan police chief Sikander Hayyat told the private Geo television net-

Witnesses said the Sunni pro-testers who gathered outside the Nishtar hospital attacked two ambulances, shattering the wind-screens with sticks. Nearby, others burned tires, casting a pall of

black smoke Sunni Muslims make up about 80 percent of the 150 million peo-ple in Pakistan, and most of the rest are Shiites. The vast majority of both sects live in harmony but radical elements on both sides carry out attacks.





# Austrian wins Nobel prize for literature

BY MATT MOORE The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Austrian writer Elfriede Jelinek, a reclusive author whose strident feminism, leftist politics and pacifism are common themes in her works, won the Nobel Prize in literature Thursday for what the Swedish Academy called the "muflow of counter-voices." voices

In an interview at her home in Vienna, Jelinek told The Associated Press she was honored by the prize, but said she wasn't mentally prepared to attend the Dec. 10 award ceremony in Stockholm

"I haven't had time to think yet. It is the biggest honor," she said. "I'm not going to Stockholm because I'm not in a mental shape to withstand such ceremonies. I, unfortunately, suffer from a social phobia '

With reporters and well-wishers constantly calling her and ringing her door bell, Jelinek said her plans for the coming days were simple: "to disappear."

"I can't stand" the attention that comes with the prize, she

Only 10 women, including Jelinek, have won the prestigious prize since it was founded in 1901. "They assured me that I received the prize because they value my work, not because I am a woman." Jelinek said.

Though her work is famous in German-speaking countries, and widely translated in French, her most famous novel was 1983's "The Piano Teacher," which was adapted into a 2001 film by director Michael Haneke.

The Nobel Prize could boost sales of her works in markets where she's not widely translated such as the United States

### Official: EU to take reins of Bosnia force on Dec. 2

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union is planning to take

DSUSSELS, Beigium — The European Union pilaming to take over the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, its biggest military operation yet, on Dec. 2, an EU official said Thursday. EU foreign ministers meeting Monday in Luxembourg are to ap-prove the operational plan for the mission, which includes the data the transfer of power and how the U.S. contingent within the force of 7.000 soldiers will be replaced, the official, who asked not to be identified, said.

"We are mainly planning for the EU headquarters to assume responsibility," the official said.

More than 1,000 U.S. troops will be replaced by EU personnel, with the biggest contingent coming from Finland.

U.S. Brig. Gen. Schook is the last commander of the current force,

its abbreviation SFOR. The European Union Force will go by EUFOR

More than 60,000 NATO-led troops from more than 40 countries were deployed to Bosnia in late 1995 to enforce the so-called Dayton peace agreement, which ended the 3½ year war among the country's Serbs, Muslims and Croats in which 260,000 people were killed and 1.8 million turned into refugees. The security situation has improved over the years, allowing NATO to decrease the number of troops to the current level of 7,000.

#### IN THE STATES

# Officials argue over DeLay ethics findings

## Democrats suggest leadership change while Republicans stand by 'The Hammer'

But the committee noted the rare

"In view of the number of instances

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

WASHINGTON - Leading House Republicans and Democrats exchanged harsh recriminations Thursday over the second ethics committee rebuke in a week for Rep. Tom

DeLay, the GOP's No. 2 leader.

The day after the 57-year-old Texan was cited by the House ethics committee for questionable conduct, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said his Republican colleagues should decide whether "they want an ethically unfit person to be their majority leader, or do they want to remove the ethical cloud that hangs over the Capitol?'

Her news conference came as House Speaker Dennis Hastert staunchly defended DeLay, calling him "a good man" and attacking the freshman Democratic congressman whose complaint launched the investigation.

The committee late Wednesday had admonished DeLay, R-Texas, for creating an appearance of giving donors spe cial access on pending energy legislation and using the Federal Aviation Administration to intervene in a Texas political dispute.

Last week, the same committee admonished him for offer ing to endorse the House candidacy of a House member's son in exchange for the member's favorable vote on a Medi-



DeLay

duct in which you engaged, it is clearly necessary for you to temper your future actions," it said in a letter to DeLay DeLay is one of the nation's most partisan political lead-

ers and most successful money-raisers. He has long been known in the Capitol as "The Hammer." The committee of five Democrats and five Republicans

delayed action on an allegation that DeLay violated Texas campaign finance laws. A Texas grand jury investigation has so far led to indictments of three DeLay associates and eight corporations.

DeLay said he considers the complaint against him dis-



guidance. He called the complaint another personal attack by Democrats that fell short "not because of insufficient venom, but because of insuffi-

Pelosi, D-Calif., held a news conference as Hastert, R-III., was criticizing Rep. Chris Bell, D-Texas, who filed the complaint.

DeLay "fights hard for what he believes, but he has never put personal interests ahead of the best interests of the country," Hastert said in a written

statement

The ethics panel told DeLay that he created an appearance of favoritism when he mingled at a 2002 golf outing

with executives of Westar Energy of Kansas.

The tournament at a Virginia resort came just days after the executives contributed \$25,000 to Texans for a Republi-can Majority, a fund-raising organization associated with DeLay.

The committee made clear that DeLay did not solicit con-tributions from Westar in return for a favor, which would have been far more serious.

Associated Press Writer Larry Margasak contributed to this report.

# Hunter indicted for starting last year's Cedar Fire in Calif.

BY SETH HETTENA The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - A federal grand jury indicted a hunter on charges he started the largest wildfire in California history — last year's Cedar Fire, which charred 273,000 acres and killed

A grand jury in San Diego returned the indictment Wednesday, charging Sergio Martinez, 34, of West Covina with setting timber afire last Oct. 25 and making a false statement. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on both counts.

Martinez started the fire to signal for help after he became lost on a deer hunting trip in the Cleveland National Forest, according to the county sheriff's department

Driven by hot Santa Ana winds, the Cedar Fire quickly swept through tinder-dry brush and trees, killing 15 people and burning more than 2,000 homes. It was the worst fire in the brutal onslaught last fall that killed 23 and

destroyed 3,650 homes in six Southern California counties.

Martinez's lawyer, Martinez, was grand jury in-dictment by a reporter and declined to com-

ment. The U.S. Forest Service had issued Sergio Martinez a misdemeanor citation that night for setting an unauthorized fire. He was re-leased with a warning that he could face felo ny charges if neonle were in-

jured or homes

Linda Chase, director of a relief center assisting fire victims, said that Martinez can't be held solely accountable.

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Linda Chase

Martinez ted he was waving frantically from atop a small mountain as a nearby flame shot into the air.

#### Breaking some eggs to make a vaccine For a half century, flu vaccine has been produced by growing the

virus in fertilized chicken eggs, requiring several months. Researchers are now working on new methods that would not rely on eggs.



Each year, health experts analyze flu activity Each year, hearin expens analysis and viruses to identify three target strains, which can change from year to year.

Target viruses are sent to vaccine makers, where each is implanted into separate eggs and incubated for months to allow the virus to grow.



Virus infected fluid is culled from the eggs and blended into a single vaccine that includes all three strains. The entire process takes

### Lack of back-up plan for flu shots upsets many

DENVER — Josh Duignan got his first flu shot last year when his wife was pregnant with their first child. While son Ethan will get a shot this year, Duignan isn't sure whether he'll also get a chance to roll up his sleeve

Health officials nationwide are urging healthy adults and schoolchildren to skip the shot because British regulators have shut down a major flu-shot supplier. The news carries particular concern in Colorado, which was the epicenter of last year's flu season with 12,885 reported cases and the deaths of 12 children. With 46 million doses now un-

vailable, the government says the 54 million flu shots left from a rival firm should be reserved for youngsters ages 6-23 months, people 65 or older, anyone living with babies younger than 6 months and others in high-risk groups.

Duignan knows his pediatrician has enough doses to vaccinate
Ethan, now 7 months, but isn't
sure whether he will get a shot.

If they turn me down, I don't

know what I'll do." he said. "But I'm going to get one this year. I promised my wife I

The shutdown of flu vaccine production at Chiron Corp. has slashed supplies across the nation. "Worst-case scenario, we will have probably more patients being hospitalized with pneumo-nia," said Dr. Wellington Liu, med-ical director of Kateri Medical Residence in New York City.

"It's kind of disappointing that we didn't have more than two sources to get the vaccine," plained Dan Knuth, 59, of New Brighton, Minn., who said he probably won't get a shot this year.

"It shows the vulnerability of our health care system.

### House GOP, Senate have terror bill showdown

WASHINGTON - House GOP leaders braced Thursday for a late-session showdown with the Senate over conflicting versions of legislation written in response to the terror-fighting recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

Republicans leaders say the House version, which includes creation of a national intelligence director as well as anti-terrorism, illegal immigration, border-security and identity-theft powers, is the best bill and should be the one that prevails.

"It's real simple. The House bill — every single word of it — will make the American people safer," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, proclaimed as Congress neared adjournment.

An earlier version of the Senate-passed bill which was to be offered Thursday by Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. and has been pushed by Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. — was being presented as a replacement for the House GOP bill

Shays and Maloney say their proposal - which is identical to the Menendez amendment — was held back to that GOP leaders could depict the Senate version as being a purely Democratic on the House floor.

The House plans to have something finished before the end of the week, and that bill would have to be reconciled with the one that overwhelmingly passed the Senate on Wednesday.

# Bush, Kerry health care platforms differ sharply

BY MARK SHERMAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Although a raucous debate over national security has dominated the presidential campaign, President Bush and Democratic rival Sen. John Kerry differ even more sharply on how to provide better health care to more Americans.

Kerry's proposal dwarfs that of the president, costing hundreds of billions of dollars more and covering millions more people, according to most independent and campaign estimates.

"They couldn't be more different. It's a very clear choice," said Linda Bergthold, a Los Angeles-based consultant on employer-provided health insurance for Waters Wignet Worldwide.

Watson Wyatt Worldwide.

The Democrat's plan seeks to stabilize the private, employer-based insurance market that covers more than 150 million people, while expanding government health care programs for children and the poor. The ranke of the uninsured, currently 45 million, would drop to 27 million people over 10 years, according to a range of estimates.

But it would be costly. The cam-

paign says the plan would cost taxpayers \$653 billion over 10 years. Other estimates put the cost at double that or more.

Bush would rely on tax incentives and market-based choices for individuals in a plan the White House says would extend coverage to 11 million, and perhaps as many as 17 million, people at a cost of \$100 billion to \$150 billion. Independent estimates from the conservative American Enterprise Institute and the Lewin Group say the number of newly insured would be more in the

range of 7 million to 8 million.
Economists say neither proposal would do much to rein in health care costs, although both campaigns say features of their plans

For Bush, capping medical malpractice awards would lead to fewer meritless lawsuits, a drop in malpractice insurance premiums and substantial cost savings.

Kerry says coordinating care for people with chronic illnesses would bring hundreds of billions of dollars in savings. He also would derive some savings from malpractice reform and permit prescription medicines to be

brought in from Canada, a step he says would keep drug prices in check.

Among the components of the

Kerry proposal:

The federal government would pick up most of the tab for workers who incur the highest medical bills, which the Kerry campaign says would allow employers to cut the annual cost of premiums for a family by about \$1,000, on average. Employers would be required to offer health insurance to all workers.

Nearly all children and more working adults with low incomes would be eligible for government health insurance that is paid jointly by Washington and the states. The federal government would pick up a substantial share of state costs.

Major elements of the Bush plan include:

■ Tax breaks to individuals with low incomes who buy their own insurance policies and for those who purchase high-deductible policies and have health savings accounts, tax-free investments that can be used for health

expenses.

Stepped-up effort to enroll children who already are eligible for government-paid health care.



U.S. GEOLOGICAL

U.S. Geological Survey scientist Michael Poland collects information Sept. 30 from a Global Positioning System station on the east flank of Washington state's Mount St. Helens.

# New technology helps Wa. downgrade volcano alert

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Geologist David Johnston wouldn't have died on Mount St. Helens today.

New equipment developed since the 1980 eruption of the volcano has made it possible for volcanologists to take better measurements without hiking up the volatile mountain, a requirement 24 years ago that cost Johnson his

"Those measurements can be made remotely now with GPS [Global Positioning System] equipment. You don't need to be up there on the volcano," said Dan Dzurisin, a fellow geologist who was Johnston's friend and colleague.

New technology has also allowed scientists to make better predictions and improve their overall understanding about the complex geological forces at

work at a much safer distance.

In instruments that ring the mountain prompted scientists to announce Wednesday that the danger of a strong eruption at any moment has passed. Even so, they warned the mountain could continue venting steam and volcanic rock for several weeks.



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#### Look for good in Germany

OK, I've had my last straw. The letter "Peters 'absolutely right' " (Oct. 2) was too much for me to remain silent. I read the comments by retired Lt. Col. Ralph Peters in Stars and Stripes (Sept. 23-24 news articles), and there are a lot of parts with which I tend to agree, but they involve criticisms about the German government and some involving the landlords. Where his criticism falls short, and what everyone has clamped onto, is the assessment of the German people.

The letter writer uses a few examples to justify her stance. First, the church in New Ulm. I remember seeing the church and I don't recall anything plain or simple about the entire thing. While I understand it shouldn't take decades to restore. I also understand the intricate details being worked. As for Americans working hard on construction projects, has anyone ever driven on Interstate 64 in Hampton Roads Va., between Fort Eustis and Norfolk? If they ever finish that section, maybe we can talk trash about the church.

Second, does the letter writer believe that if she got a job at her local hardware store in the States that everything would be puppy dogs and ice cream? People are protective of the jobs they view as theirs. Perhaps she never heard of the good of boy system.

And Germany has refused to help in the war on terror? I guess German soldiers guarding the U.S. posts don't count. Neither do the increased numbers in Afghani-

Bottom line is this: People are people and no one is perfect. We both (Germany and the United States) have people in the work force who make the rest look bad. Even in the Army, we have soldiers who try to hide from work and pass on duties to others. The trick is to look past those few and see the whole - and appreciate what the organization, or country, has to offer. Capt. Victor Baez-An

Logistical Support Area Anaconda, Iraq

#### Defeatism is a cancer

My friend's father was a hostage in Leba non. His captivity denied him medical treatment for cancer in its early stages; the cancer became terminal and he suffered a slow death subsequent to his re-

Many of us who are serving our nation around the world are watching this election with many different perspectives. Many of us grew up in our teens watching the Iranian hostage crisis on television and were repulsed by the impotence of our leaders at the time.

I was a brand-new Marine, just out of Parris Island, S.C., when a terrorist drove his truck into the Marine garrison in Beirut. A few years later, it was payback when we trounced Saddam Hussein in Operation Desert Storm. By that time, I was an intelligence officer with U.S. Central Command and I saw a new type of respect for our troops worldwide: Our military was the envy of all nations; the Soviets

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threw in the towel; we had a victory parade down Broadway and we participated in innumerable congratulatory celebrations around the globe for our victory.

We are facing a moment of truth right now. Are we going to retreat to the days of the Iranian hostage crisis or will we demand victory for our sacrifices? Some of our "well-meaning" citizens believe that we should be brought home. This did not save the life of my friend's father. It would condemn all of us, like him, to terminal cancer: the cancer of defeatism. We would slowly succumb to the terror cells that would multiply to attack innocent people around the world. The only option for our survival is victory.

We should demand this understanding from anyone who would be president. never want my child to exist in a world where her rights to liberty and freedom are negotiable terms. Our leaders should bring us home to a nation that is respected and provides sanctuary to our families. We need to communicate this sole option to all those who have the authority to lead our great democracy. Any policy other than victory would be a slow death for all of us.

Retired Army 1st Lt. Mel Gagliano New York

#### **Undeserving commander**

Following the Florida debate last Thursday, President Bush said at a Columbus, Ohio, rally: "I will never submit America's national security to an international test. He was deriding Sen. John Kerry's commitment to consulting our allies before rushing headlong into an avoidable catastrophe

But hold on! What about Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon? Or one-time Iraqi exile and former neoconservative darling Ahmad Chalabi? Or Iraq's interim prime minister and suspected CIA asset Iyad Allawi? Or the oil-rich House of Saud? If we are looking for our national security being submitted to an international test, need we look any further? Didn't Bush take quite a few cues from [these men]? Why criticize "Old Europe" when a handful of neocon-

servative favorites have disastrously driven U.S. foreign policy for the last 31/2 vears

Clearly, Bush has flip-flopped on the "international test" and, in so doing, has failed the test. How can anyone take Bush seriously

During this presidential campaign we've seen plenty of smoke and mirrors tons of mud, constant fear-mongering and the untiring efforts by rich Republicans to keep the real issues - and the truth - out of sight and out of mind from America's voters. When the smoke clears and the mirrors lay shattered, these facts will remain: Kerry volunteered while Bush vanished; Kerry supports the middle class while Bush supports the ultra-wealthy; and Kerry is a statesman while Bush plays

one, badly, on TV.

Ultimately, the Bush administration is about making the world a cushy place for its rich friends — at the expense of our its rich friends — at the expense of our troops, who are willing to risk their lives for their undeserving commander in chief. Ed Thornburg

Würzburg, Germany

#### Thanks for the photos

I enjoyed the Archive Photo of the Day of Joe DiMaggio and Bob Wicker's story of the Yankee Clipper's surprise visit to the Stars and Stripes office in Darmstadt, Germany, in May 1962 (Stars and Stripes Web site, Nov. 20, 2003). It must have been around the same time that Joltin' Joe ap peared at the Hainerberg post exchange in Wiesbaden.

I was 14, on lunch break from ninth grade at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School, wolfing down a hamburger at the cafeteria, when the rumor went around that Joe was signing autographs in the PX next door. With \$2 borrowed from my English teacher, I ran to the sporting goods store, bought a baseball and stood in line for Joe. few minutes later, I shook hands with him and got my treasured autograph -"Best Wishes, Joe DiMaggio."

My collection of autographed baseballs is small. The only other one I have was signed by a group of major leaguers who gave a baseball clinic in Germany. My dad took me to a breakfast at a Wiesbaden hotel for Frank Thomas, umpire Larry Napp. Joe Garagiola and others. Thomas had been traded from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati the day before. In his speech, Thomas said his trade had come as a complete surprise to him. Maybe he found out about it the same way the rest of us did, by reading it in Stars and Stripes that morning.

The photos of Elvis Presley in uniform in Germany on the Web site reminded me of my fellow Wiesbaden student, Priscilla Beaulieu. As smart as she was pretty, she dropped her Wiesbaden boyfriends to become Mrs. Presley.

The collection of celebrities and soldiers whose images were captured somewhere by Stars and Stripes photographers over the years is remarkable. Thanks, Stars and Stripes, for Archive Photo of the Day and for awakening some great memories

Frank Deak Tampa, Fla.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury









#### **OPINION**

# Panel discussion: If cartoonists had rules

he 32-page predebate memorandum of agreement hammered out by lawyers for President Bush and Sen. John Kerry covered all the hases: positioning, podiums, pens, notes lights, cameras, actions. But overlooked by the media was the oppressive "document in principle" recently forced upon visual satirists by the two campaigns, which has already resulted in prosecutions. A sample:

#### Michael "Mike" Luckovich

Charged with: gross disregard of paragraph 43(w): "The President shall not be represented in an unnaturally diminutive manner, nor portrayed in any fashion such as to cause association with any creature of the elf, goblin fairy or gremlin families, nor any relative theresuch, or fictional adaptation thereof. Additionally, the President is to be depicted with facial expressions displaying solve, confidence, strength and suchlike qualities deemed to be Presidential (see sub-attachment 1600p). Any depiction of the eyes deemed to be 'beady,' or of the mouth in a 'smirk' or 'smirk-like' manner, is strictly

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#### Matthew "Matt" Davies

Charged with: 1) See paragraph 43(w)



2) Casual disregard of Coif Integrity Clause, Sections (J), (F) and (K): "Candidates shall be accorded the courtesy of the artistic inclusion of all currently attached and functional follicles, whether artificially tinted or supported, and shall not have said follicles satirically disturbed by scissors, clippers, tweezers or similar instruments, nor by means of any manually manipulated or fossil-fuel-powered machines. In addi-

ence of bandages, plasters, salves or any similar such accessories, equipment or supplies shall be allowed, accepted, tolerated, recommended, put up with, abided, countenanced or otherwise gone along with.

Joel Pett is the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist of the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader. His work appears in USA Today. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

# Comparisons mean Afghanistan's off radar screen

BY FRED HIATT The Washington Post

WASHINGTON n 1991, as civil war raged in Afghani-stan and the ranks of Islamic radicals there swelled, the first President Bush turned to a CIA briefer and asked, puzzled, "Is that thing still going on?"

That chilling anecdote is recounted in "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001." The book, by my colleague Steve Coll, is, among many other themes, about America's self-defeat ing inability to stay focused on anything for very long. This came to mind again last week when, in a presidential debate on foreign policy, not a single question focused on Afghanistan, though the United States invaded that country under the current President Bush and still has more than 20,000 troops waging war and keeping peace there.

The candidates did invoke Afghanistan but more as a symbol than as a real country Bush repeatedly referred to the importance of a "free Afghanistan"; Sen. John Kerry cited it only to underline the folly of having diverted resources to Iraq. Neither simplis-tic portrait did justice to Afghanistan's mixof progress and problems, nor to the challenges a U.S. president will face there in the next four years.

Those challenges were brought home last week during a visit to Washington by Afghanistan's finance minister. Ashraf Ghani who spent 24 years working at the World Bank and teaching anthropology at Berkeley and Johns Hopkins University, understands all too well Americans' short attention span and our desire to move smartly to the postgame score-settling. But Afghanistan can't afford to get caught up in that mentality, he

"Getting to stability is not a five-year process but a 10-year process," Ghani said "Getting to prosperity takes longer."

A lot of good things are taking place in his country, contrary to Kerry's description of

medieval Taliban fell in late 2001, the economy has begun to revive. Trade is booming, cities are rebuilding,

markets are lively. In recent months the government has made progress toward disarming some of the warlords who control much of the country. As Bush said, millions of Afghan men and women have registered to vote in presidential elections to be held Sat-"People are a lot happier here now than before, and they are moving toward a modern life," one 26-year-old recently told The Washington Post's Pamela Constable in

But as Constable's reporting makes clear, Afghanistan also has plenty of problems, some of them worsening. Opium production and the corruption it engenders probably rank first on that list; Taliban attacks are increasing in remote areas; intimidation continues of women who seek to vote and girls who attend school: the Kabul government is far from asserting its writ throughout the The Rush administration is nartly respon-

ly because of the diversion Kerry cites. When the Taliban fell, the Pentagon explicitly rejected nation-building, choosing instead to work through warlords who had helped unseat the dictators. Only last year did the administration reverse course. NATO is partly responsible, too, because European countries have been slow to meet their promises to supply peacekeeping troops and even slower to admit that drug lords also must be

Mostly Afghanistan's history is responsible: a quarter-century of civil war that forced millions into exile and destroyed much of the nation's infrastructure. "What used to take two hours' driving now takes six hours," Ghani said.

professor-turned-workaholic-minister said that average per-person annual in-come grew from about \$200 to \$240 in the past year. In seven years, if these "miracle rates" of growth continue, he hopes to reach \$500. A country with \$1,000 average per capita income, he said, no longer engages in drug production

Ghani has a vision for how such growth can be achieved. It depends on democracy and decentralization, and on maintaining flows of foreign aid without creating a foreign-aid culture in which U.N. drivers earn 10 times as much as health ministry hureau.

It depends, too, on whether the West can keep Afghanistan in its thoughts before it becomes a crisis again. So far, he said, the Bush administration's attention "has really not wavered," but the media mostly have proven unable to handle two major stories at

Attacks, assassination attempts, elections
— these are covered, but not "the fluidity,
and the range of possibilities." And that range is enormous, he said, and

of enormous consequence: on the one hand, a democratic Muslim country at the cross-roads of Central Asia that wants a partnership with the West; on the other, conflict, fundamentalism, narcoterror. With a profes-sor's understatement, Ghani concluded: "Both the opportunity and the threats are very major

Fred Hiatt is The Post's editorial page editor.

#### Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



### YOUR MONEY

# Microsoft upgrades **MSNTV**

BY GARY GENTILE

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Microsoft Corp. introduced on Tuesday a new version of its Internet TV service, seeking to broaden its appeal beyond a relatively small base of older, computer-phobic users

The set-top hardware it uses, the MSN TV Internet and Media Player, is a strange hybrid for an increasingly networked world Essentially a media receiver,

the player lets people surf the Web, display digital photos, watch downloaded video clips and do e-mail - all the time using their television as a monitor.

The new version, called MSN TV 2, adds a port for people with high-speed Internet connections and home networks. Made by Thomson under the RCA brand, it has more processing power than its predecessor but contains no hard drive The boy has 128 megabytes of RAM and 64 MB of flash

It sells for \$199.95 plus a subscription fee, depending on whether it is used with broadband Internet access or dial-up. The box also includes Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless home networks and slots for memory cards from digital cameras.

A wireless keyboard and remote are also included.

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Sam Klepper, left, MSN TV general manager, holds an interview after unveiling Microsoft's new Internet and media player MSN TV 2, right, in New York on Tuesday. The service adds high-speed Internet and video in an attempt to attract younger users

vice two years ago, at which time it said it had a little over 1 million subscribers

MSN TV is the renamed WebTV service that Microsoft bought in 1997. The company declined to provide current subscription numbers

"We're going after the broadband households with home networks who have digital content on their PC and a big screen TV where they can relax and share that media with friends and family," said Sam Klepper, general manager of MSN TV.

Subscribers get access to Microsoft's MSN service, which includes 200 streaming radio stations and video clips from NBC, the Discovery Channel, Fox Sports and other partners.

Users will not be able to watch movies downloaded from the Internet or listen to songs purchased from legitimate online ser-

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vices, such as MSN's own music store, until next year, when copy-protection software added to the receiver.

But like any other media player the market remains young —
 the device will play songs that have been ripped from a user's CD collection to computers on a home network

Analysts said Microsoft will have a tough time attracting a younger, more tech-savvy consumer while simultaneously tryto appeal to older less tech-savvv users.

"How you serve both at the same time will be an interesting question as you go forward," said Eric Kainer, an equity analyst at Needham & Co.

The cost of the service could also be a problem, analysts said.
"If you do have broadband, the MSN TV subscription is on top of " said Josh Bernoff, an analyst with Forrester Research, Inc.

# Out of mom-mobile, into police magnet

My 20-year-old daughter, who drives my old, safe 1994 Volvo 960, has informed me that she just purchased a 1970 Volk swagen Bus to take camping. It has a picture of the "Purple Rain" album cover airbrushed on the back. She has a good job. and she paid for it with her own money. She attends the Colorado School of Mines, majoring in environmental chemistry, and she usually makes

good sions. However. I'm concerned about

Tom and Ray Magliozzi prove her chances

Click and Clack

this one. My first concern is safety. My second is that the painting on the back could be a police mag net. Because I am a child of the '60s and '70s myself, my arguments against this "lifestyle vehicle" don't carry much weight with her. Can you give me some good arguments as to why this purchase might be dangerous and/or stupid? — Judy

TOM: Sure! This is the easiest question we've been asked all

week. Judy. RAY: As much fun as this VW Bus might seem, it's really quite a

deadly vehicle.

TOM: The problem is that in an accident, your knees are your first line of defense. You sit right up at the front of this vehicle, with your legs right behind that big VW emblem between the headlights. So, if you hit anything head-on, or get hit by another ve hicle, you'll be spending the rest of your life in a motorized wheelchair, which you'll operate with

your tongue. IF you're lucky. RAY: The other problem is that they handle terribly, which increases the likelihood of an accident. A medium-size gust of wind is enough to blow this vehicle into

TOM: On the plus side, they're

And cool-looking, too! They bring you back to another more care. free era ... when maintaining the use of your legs wasn't on your list of priorities. You remember

those days, right, Judy? RAY: If I were you, Judy, I would just ask your daughter to restrict the VW Bus to local trips. Ask her to stay off the highways and stick to roads where the speeds are, say, below 40 mph. It

doesn't guarantee she'll be safe, but it'll certainly

TOM: Since she's obviously a smart kid, she might discover on her own that she feels quite unsafe driving this rig. She might get tired of the buckboard ride, the swaying around in the wind and the dearth of heat in the win-

RAY: And the old-car smell. TOM: But she's obviously rebelling a bit. I mean, you can't find two more disparate vehicles than Volvo 960 and a VW Bus. So, I'm guessing she's feeling the need to break out of the "mom-mobile" and make her own statement. And you're going

to have to accept that. RAY: If you're really desperateworried about her, Judy, offer to help her sell both of her current vehicles and buy a brand-new Honda Element. That's today's modern, safer version of the VW Bus; a cheap, versatile, funky recreational vehicle. And I'm sure that if you talk to your Honda dealer, you can get the "Purple Rain" cover airbrushed on the back.

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#### That is quite a lot to ask. EXCHANGE RATES

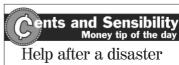
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Emergency Management Agency recommends that you do the following after a natural disaster ■ Seek out the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations in your area for food drinkable water, clothing and other necessary supplies.

■ Contact your insurance company and file a claim. Ask your agent specifically about what is covered. Find out what you'll need to provide in the claim, such as proof of damage, receints or contractor estimates

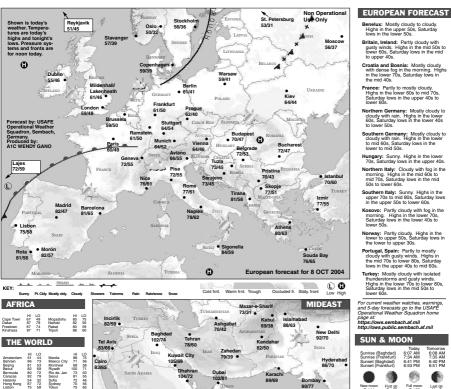
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#### Divine compromise

NORWALK — Nor walk High School needed a little divine help before its football team took to the field.

to the field.
School athletic officials had sought the permission of Rabbi Yehoshua Hecht of Beth Israel Synagogue of Westport-Norwalk for a Friday night game next door to the synagogue

where the rabbi leads Sabbath services.

"A house of worship is a house of worship, and it is difficult to hold services when the cheer is not 'Halakha,' but 'Let's go!' " Hecht said. Halakha means Jewish law.

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Hecht said compromise is a civic duty and he was happy to oblige.

#### Teen running for mayor

MN ST. MARY'S POINT — Erin Feehan-Nelson, running for mayor of this St. Croix River town, has a campaign slogan that's hard to dispute: "Uncorrupted by years of experience."

The reason? She's 17.
The high school senior wants to be the youngest person ever elected mayor in Minnesota. Feehan-Nelson decided to run as a write-in candidate after learning that only one other candidate had filed for the office.

"The voters need to have a choice," she said. "That's what I'm doing, I'm giving the voters a choice."

Even so, state law says candidates must be eligible voters and at least 21 years old when they take office.

Kevin Corbid, director of elections for Washington County, said officials will count the write-in votes Nov. 2 and forward the results to the St. Mary's Point City Council, which serves as the city's canvassing board.

"The canvassing board will need to determine eligibility," Corbid said. "If someone is not eligible to hold office, the person with the next highest number of votes would be certified."

Feehan-Nelson said that if she receives the highest number of votes but is not certified, she is prepared to take the matter to court.

#### Lawyers defend name

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A scrappy law firm has won the right to drum up business by advertising its phone number as 1.800-PITBULL.

Broward County Court Judge William Herring ruled the Pape & Chandler law firm's TV commercials using its controversial phone number and logo of a spike-collared pit pull is protected, despite objections from the Florida Bar.

Herring rejected the Florida Bar's assertions that capitalizing on the image of "a ferocious animal" in the commercials is manipulative and violates state laws regulating legal advertisements.

Herring last week said the qualities the lawyers link to pit bulls are



"desirable traits in attorneys."

The law firm, which specializes in motorcycle crash litigation, has spent the last three years defending its use of 1-800-PITBULL.

Attorney John Pape said the logo was symbolic of their firm's "loyal-ty to our clients and to each other and tenacity, determination and aggressiveness in representing our injured clients."

#### Historian hits paydirt

AUSTIN — A historian thinks he's stumbled on a key piece of Texas history lost in box labeled "miscellaneous 19th-century papers."

The first page of what Jerry Drake, an archivist at the General Land Office, believes is the original draft of the Republic of Texas Constitution is now on display after years of being hidden.

"This is tantamount to going back and finding an early draft of the United States Constitution," said Drake. "It's in chrysalis you can see how this thing is evolving."

Drake found the 13 pages, nearly all filled with the fancy script of Herbert S. Kimble's handwriting, three years ago. Kimble was the secretary of the Constitutional Convention of the Republic of Texas.

Since Drake's discovery, he has spent his lunch breaks at the Texas State Library to try to determine exactly what he had.

The San Antonio Express-News on Monday said the last time the document was seen was in the



Topping it off
Erine Shulyer, of Ace Tree Service,
tops a dead Douglas Fir tree Tuesday in Corvallis, Ore. The tree was
growing between a garage and a
house, so it had to come down in
sections so neither structure would

be damaged.

early 1940s. Drake found the pages in among maps, land grants and other documents in the Land Office vault.

The constitution was written in 1836 as Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and his troops battled with Texans seeking independence from Mexico.

dence from Mexico.

From his studies, Drake is convinced the pages are the first draft of the constitution.

#### Radio proposal

SALT LAKE CITY — With no idea how many people were listening to his walkie-talkie, it was anything but a modest proposal.

That didn't deter Jason Parker, a U.S. Forest Service Officer, from asking his girlfriend of three years, a police dispatcher, to marry him over the police radio.

Despite a few crackles, the message from Parker on Monday came through loud and clear — not just to Teri Yoakam, but to every police officer and CB radio junkie listening in.

The line was silent for a few moments before Yoakam said "yes."
"I didn't hesitate because I didn't know what I was going to say. I was just trying to come up with a really profound answer," Yoakam said. "I did manage to say

a little more than yes."
Actually, Yoakam said, "I would absolutely love to." After that, a handful of police officers who overheard Parker chimed in with their responses.

"If you don't, I would have," was one reply.

The two met at work — Utah County's dispatchers take calls for the forest service.

Parker said he was originally going to sky dive onto the lawn in front of the Utah County Sheriff's Office or rent a plane to fly a trailing message, but he was worried the weather wouldn't cooperate.

#### Growth will help counties

#### Right to vote at issue

FREEDOM — The attorney general's office is investigating the right of residents of a campground to vote in town. The town agreed to extend site owners' stays at Toten Pole Campground from six to II months but rejected campers' right to vote. The town worries the campground would become a trailer park and the addeed and the property of the property

#### New help in search

MN County Commissioner Joanne Fay is suggesting candidates across Minnesora hand out a picture of a missing girl as they campaign door-to-door. Fay called LeeAnna Warner's parents and they liked the idea, as did Fay's opponent. LeeAnna was 5 years old when she disappeared last year.



Golden splendor Acarpet of aspen leaves line a trail beneath a thicket of young trees Monday in Weatherford Canyon on the San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff, Ariz. Fall foliage is reaching its peak across the mountain.



A bit nippy out Nyssa Thebert, 7, bundles herself with her sweater Tuesday during an early morning outside assembly in Raleigh, N.C. Temperatures in the low 40s were forecast for the next couple of mornings.



A couple of unidentified girls leave the soccer field at Ben Geren Regional Park at sunset Game over Tuesday evening in Fort Smith, Ark, The girls attended the Western Arkansas Soccer Association's U-10 girls game at the park.



Glory White unloads some home-grown pump-Home grown kins for sale at White's Farm, located in Ernul, N.C., on Wednesday, White says their pumpkin crop was good this season, despite the tremendous amounts of rain.



Autumn chores

Matt Luce of Troy, Maine, uses trimmer equipment Monday to cut brush under a maple tree near his



Ute Pawlak, right, accompanies her son, Marc, to school Not walking, but in the spirit on bicycles at Yucca Elementary School on Wednesday in Alamogordo, N.M. They joined more than 3,000 schools in the United States and 3 million people in 36 countries all of whom are participating in the seventh annual International "Walk Our Kids to School Week.

#### Band goes too far

MI FLINT — For a few mo-ments last weekend, the punk band Treephort was the hottest act in town

But the group got into trouble at a downtown club when the lead guitarist set his thong on fire, then removed it and scurried around the stage naked.

The Atlanta-based band was about 20 minutes into its set Sept 25 at the venue Flint Local 432 when guitarist Joe Klein dropped his pants, set fire to the thong and removed it. The bass player also stripped. The club's management ordered

the band to get off the stage.
"They threatened to break stated

policies of the club, and so we told them their set was over and asked them to leave," said club owner Joel Rash. The stunt violated the Local's insurance policy and city rules against open flames in the building.

### Art auctioned by mistake

KS WICHITA — Matthew Cuellar went to an auction and came away ahead - a little too ahead, according to the city.

Cuellar bid on and won four piec-es of James Rosati's 1981 sculpture Upright Form V" that had mistakenly ended up on the auction block with other items the city kept in storage. Now city officials are trying to get it back

Cuellar showed up at the sale Sat-urday — held every three years and casually perused the offerings. He spotted a shiny, 17-inch-long stainless steel piece set atop a stove.

He found two other similar pieces, one inscribed with Rosati's name. A call to a friend was placed. the significance of the find was confirmed and a bid was placed. And for a mere \$20, it was his.

Two other pieces of the sculpture went up for sale later and Cuellar won them for \$230. But when Cuellar went to pay for the two others. auction workers realized they were dealing with more than scrap metal. They wouldn't take his money and refused to turn over the remaining pieces of the sculpture.

The city attorney's office contact-ed Cuellar on Monday, asking him to return his half of the sculpture in

return for his payment.

Cuellar said that once he determines the value of the pieces, he will accept one-third to return it.

"If I'd later found out it was just scrap metal," he said, "the wouldn't give me my money back

#### Town gets traffic light

MA WINCHENDON — This community, which still boasts granite hitching posts along Main Street, has finally gotten its

first traffic light. "I think it is progress," Town Man-ager James M. Kreidler Jr. said of the light at the intersection of

Routes 140 and 12. After the state Highway Department did some reconfiguration work on the intersection, the state-of-the art traffic signal was put up. For now, the signal only blinks

vellow, but will be fully operational within the next week, Kreidler said. Kreidler said high traffic volume played a part in the decision to improve the intersection, and install the light.

#### Man gets just dues

TN NASHVILLE — A man who spent 22 years in pris-on for a rape he didn't commit be-

fore DNA evidence cleared him has been awarded more than \$800,000 in compensation from the state

Clark McMillan, 47, learned of Monday's decision through his attorney, Democratic state Rep. Rob

Briley.
"Thank the Lord!" McMillan said over the phone, according to Briley.

McMillan was released from prison in 2002 after DNA testing on evidence revealed he could not have been the man who had raped a Memphis teenager.

Before his conviction, McMillan was suspected in other rapes and some victims identified him as their attacker. McMillan maintains his innocence in the other cases. Gov. Phil Bredesen evonerated McMillan about five weeks ago after a unanimous recommendation by the Tennessee Roard of Probation and Pamle The state Board of Claims, mak-

ing its first award for wrongful imprisonment in more than two decades, also voted unanimously to grant the compensation

#### Official found guilty

NY ALBANY — The former head of the state Bridge Authority pleaded guilty to attempting to defraud the state through his travel expenses. Officials found Jack Gaffney, 68, took four trips to Florida and three to Texas from February 1998 to February 2002. Gaffney, who was paid \$137,703 a year, claimed they were business trips, but investigators found the trips were largely personal. He faces up to two years in jail.

#### Woman suing doctors

WAUKESHA — A woman is suing the doctors who gave her a face lift for showing her before-and-after photos to prospective natients The woman, identified only as

Jane Doe in the lawsuit filed Monday, claims the use of her photos violates her right to privacy and fails to keep her medical records confidential as required under state law. The malpractice lawsuit said a

business acquaintance learned of woman's plastic surgery through the photos, causing the patient emotional distress "It's being done here as a promo-

tional thing," said her attorney, Christopher J. Stawski. "They're using her image to get more busi-

The suit asks for unspecified damages from Affiliated M.D.-Rejuvenation Center & Spa Ltd.

#### **Cellblocks quarantined** HOUSTON — Two cell-

blocks at a state prison were placed under quarantine after two inmates contracted chickenpox. The infected inmates were moved to medical units at other prisons last week: 140 other inmates are being monitored for signs of the viral disease.

#### Airline adds flights

WY CASPER — Years of negotiations culminated in the first Northwest Airlines flight from Casper to Minneapolis. Two flights a day are now scheduled on new, 50-seat jets. Passengers on the inaugural flight included Mike Sullivan, a former Wyoming governor and ambassador to Ireland who was headed back overseas on business.

AFRTS Television Schedule								
Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFFNs Web site at http://myafn.dodmedia.oad.mi/ FRIDIX_0RIBER 8, 2004								
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9:00	Stanley	Movie "Home Invasion" (1997, Suspense) Veronica	Dr. Phil	The Mummy "Trio" The Brothers Garcia	Nightline	College Football Teams to Be Announced.	30-Minute Meals	The Fairly OddParents The Brothers Garcia
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat Arthur (EI)	Hamel, Bonnie Root.	Oprah Winfrey	The Brothers Garcia Jeopardy!	Nightly Business Report Hardball With Chris Matthews	Armounceu.	Easy Entertaining-Chiarello Decorating Cents	The Brothers Garcia Jeopardy!
10:00	Between the Lions (FI)	Movie ** * "Urban Cow-	Guiding Light	Headline News	narubali With Criris Matthews		The Look for Less	Headline News
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	boy" (1980) Drama) John Tra-	• •	ESPNews	Primetime Thursday		E! News Live	ESPNews
11:30	Stanley "Gorilla Sleepover"	volta, Debra Winger, Scott Glenn. A Texas oil worker looks	General Hospital	Advisory Block			The King of Queens	Pacific Report
12:00	Dora the Explorer "El Coqui"	for love at a popular honky-	Headline News	King of the Hill	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	That '70s Show	King of the Hill
12:30	The Wiggles 'Friends'	tonk. Movie *** "Little Man Tate"	Judge Judy	Malcolm in the Middle		NFL Live	Girlfriends "Untreatable"  Charmed "All Halliwell's Eve"	Malcolm in the Middle
13:00	Bob the Builder Dragon Tales (EI)	(1991, Drama) Jodie Foster, A	Today Debate; Tim McGraw; "It's CojoTime."	The Apprentice	Good Morning America	NFL LIVE	Charmed 'All Hallwell's Eve	The Apprentice
14:00	Blue's Clues	single mother wants her genius son to have a normal life.		Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	•	MLB Baseball Playoffs.	Ally McBeal "Fools Night Out"	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of
14:30	Barney & Friends (EI)			Fire "Now That's a Reward"				Fire "Now That's a Reward"
15:00	Funniest Home Videos	Movie ★★★ "Of Mice and	Baby Looney Tunes (EI)	Pacific Report	Headline News		Any Day Now "Don't Say Any-	Pacific Report
15:30	Full House "Nerd for a Day"	Men" (1992) John Malkovich. Based on Steinbeck's novel	Rocko's Modern Life The Fairly OddParents	The Tonight Show	Channel One The Early Show		thing" ER "Benton Backwards"	The Tonight Show
16:00 16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 2)	about two friends in the 1930s.	The Brothers Garcia	Late Show	The Early Show		En Deritori Dauxwarus	Late Show
17:00	Hey Arnold!	True Hollywood Story	Jeopardy!	2000		SportsCenter	Law & Order "Good Girl"	Luic Onom
17:30	Rocket Power	1	Headline News	Access Hollywood	1	·		Access Hollywood
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Backstories	ESPNews	Headline News	FOX News	Inside the NFL	The Simpsons	Headline News
18:30	Rugrats ChalkZone (EI)	Entertainment Tonight  Movie *** "Ocean's Eleven"	AFN Evening News King of the Hill	The Late Late Show	Primetime Thursday	College Football Teams to Be	Everybody Loves Raymond Charmed "Sword and the City"	The Late Late Show
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20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.	The Apprentice	Dennis mine.	FOX News		Boston Public "Chapter Thirty"	Detinio minor
20:30	All That Music by Aaliyah.			Countdown With Keith Olber-	1			Countdown With Keith Olber-
21:00	Lizzie McGuire	Movie * * x "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002, Com-	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire "Now That's a Reward"	mann	Inside Politics	Baseball Tonight	Arctic Mission "Climate of Change"	mann
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch Switched! "Katie and Elinor"	edv) Mike Myers. Austin must	Headline News	Entertainment Studios.com Today Debate: Tim McGraw:		MLB Baseball Playoffs. (Live)	Friends (Part 1 of 2)	Entertainment Studios.com Today Debate: Tim McGraw:
22:00	Radio Free Roscoe	rescue his kidnapped father.	The Tonight Show	"It's CoioTime."	Headline News	MLD Daseball Flayolis. (Live)	Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)	"It's CoioTime."
23:00	The Cosby Show	Movie ★★% "The Lost World:	The rought onon	,	Lester Holt Live		The Daily Show	
23:30	Home Improvement	Jurassic Park" (1997)	Late Show				Blind Date	
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00:00	Hey Arnold! Rhonda's party.	(11:00) Movie ** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997)		Zoboomafoo "Running" (EI)	Headline News	(10:00) MLB Baseball Playoffs. (Live)	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	JoJo's Circus
00:30 1:00	Rocket Power SpongeBob SquarePants	Jeff Goldblum.	Access Hollywood NFL Live	Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI) ChalkZone (EI)	NBC Nightly News ABC World News Tonight	SportsCenter	Charmed "Sword and the City"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI) ChalkZone (EI)
1:30	Rugrats	Movie ★★% "Revenge of the	WNBA Shootaround	Powerpuff Girls! Prank calls.	CBS Evening News	Sportsoenter	Charmed Short and the City	Weekenders (EI)
2:00	ChalkZone (EI)	Nerds" (1984) Robert Carra-	WNBA Basketball Teams to	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Countdown With Keith Olber-	MLB Baseball Playoffs. (Live)	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty"	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius
2:30	The Weekenders (EI)	dine, Anthony Edwards.	Be Announced. (Live)	All That	mann			All That
3:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Movie *** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney. A suave	1	My Life as a Teenage Robot	Presidential Debate		Arctic Mission "Climate of Change"	Lizzie McGuire Switched! "Katie and Elinor"
3:30 4:00	All That Music by Aaliyah. Lizzie McGuire	ex-con assembles a team to rob	ESPNews	Outward Bound College Football Teams to Be			Friends (Part 1 of 2)	College Football Teams to Be
4:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	a casino vault.	ESPNews	Announced. (Live)			Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)	Announced. (Live)
5:00	Sesame Street (EI)	Movie ★★% "Austin Powers	Headline News	i	Lou Dobbs Tonight	SportsCenter	Breathingspace Yoga	
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6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	rescue his kidnapped father.	Headline News		NewsNight With Aaron Brown (Live)	Raceline	Body Shaping	
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8:00	Lilo & Stitch "Spooky"	Wheaton, River Phoenix.	ChalkZone (EI)	Navy/Marine Corps News	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Landscapers' Challenge	Navy/Marine Corps News
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9:00	Jackie Chan Adventures	tainment, Part 2" (1976, Musi- cal) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius All That	Radio Free Roscoe The Best Of "Fish Favorites"	Nightline	Ballroom Boxing	Clean House	Radio Free Roscoe The Best Of "Fish Favorites"
9:30	Kim Possible "Exchange" Teen Titans Raven's temper.	Scenes from well-known MGM musicals, comedies and dra-	All I nat Lizzie McGuire	Access Hollywood	Nightly Business Report Hardball With Chris Matthews		BBQ With Bobby Flay	Access Hollywood
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11:00	Dragonball GT	Movie *** "Bullets Over	Focus on the Force	Presidential Debate	Dateline NBC	SportsCenter	E Entertainment Specials	Presidential Debate
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12:00 12:30	Teen Kids News (EI) Tutenstein (EI)	polish a playwright's work.	Access Hollywood		The O'Reilly Factor	inside the NFL	l	
12:30	Endurance "Fireball" (EI)	Movie * * "Absolute Power"	WWE Raw	George Lopez	CNN Saturday Morning	College Football Teams to Be	Intimate Portrait "Patricia	According to Jim
13:30	Scout's Safari (EI)	(1997, Suspense) Clint East- wood. A master thief stumbles		Half & Half Gals go to a spa.		Announced.	Heaton"	Half & Half Gals go to a spa.
14:00	Animal Kidding	into a presidential conspiracy.	According to Jim	CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"	20/20		Antiques Roadshow "Cleve- land, Ohio" (Part 2 of 3)	CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"
14:30	Most Extreme: Survivors	Movie *** "Desk Set" (1957)	Half & Half Gals go to a spa. CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"			ESPNews		
15:00 15:30	Most Extreme: Survivors	Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hep-	CSI: Miami 'Grand Prix'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Abomination"	Today	NFL Matchup	Star Trek: Voyager "The Cloud"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Abomination"
16:00	Hercules: The Legendary	burn. An efficiency expert and a TV executive lock horns	Law & Order: Special Victims	Headline News	1	SportsCenter	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Headline News
16:30	Journeys "As Darkness Falls"		Unit "Abomination"	Saturday Night Live		College Gameday	1	Saturday Night Live
17:00	Hey Arnold! Birthday party.	Movie * * * "X-Men" (2000)	Headline News		Wall Street Journal Report		Fear Factor	
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#### Rapper faces assault charge

Rapper Ja Rule will return to Toronto next spring to face a charge of assault causing bodi-

ly harm, a Canadian court ruled at a pretrial hearing. A trial for the 28-year-old perform-

er, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins, has been tentatively set for March 7-11 in Ontario Court. The rapper didn't attend the hearing.

Ja Rule, known for hits such as "Holla Holla," is accused of being part of a June 5 altercation at La Rouge Nightclub in the heart of Toronto's club district





#### Ultimate bachelor to set up shop in Vegas

Hugh Hefner is coming to Las Vegas, where he'll have a vertical version of his Playboy

mansion 12.000-square-foot love shack on top of the Palms hotel-casino's 40-story tower that's under construction.

The two-story suite will be named the Hugh Hefner Sky Villa. It will have its own glass elevator that overlooks the Strip, along with indoor and outdoor pools.

"He's going to make it his home away from home," Palms owner George Maloof said. "He's got plenty of room to play. It's a perfect fit." The 300-room tower opens in

early 2006

#### Olympians give a helping hand

A 5-year-old swimmer got an Olympic-size helping hand from three of the country's most celebrated swim-

Paul Lovely, of Lake Forest, was the voungest member of a team racing in Disney's Swim with the Stars which featured Michael Phelps, who won six gold and two bronze medals in the Athens Games. and teammates Ian Crocker and

Lenny Krayzelburg. The five-week tour across the country culminated Tuesday at Disnevland, where a three-lane pool was built on Main Street.

Lovely, who swam the first leg of a relay, was struggling to finish when the Olympians jumped in to help, pig

gybacking the youngster to the end of the pool.
"It was cold," the boy said. "I could go all the way through sometime."

#### Legendary actor to be honored

John Wavne's contributions to film will be honored during the unveiling of a commemora-

tive stamp at his Iowa birthplace. Wavne's daughter. Wayne-Munoz, is scheduled to attend the U.S. Postal Service ceremonv. The 37-cent stamp is the latest in the Legends of Hollywood series. Wayne, born in Winterset in 1907, won an Oscar in 1970 for "True Grit." He died in 1979.

by Drew Struzan, is based on a black-and-white publicity still taken for the 1962 film "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." It was officially issued last month

The John Wayne stamp, painted

#### at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Country star designs women's clothes

Entertainer Reba McEntire will design a line of women's clothing for Little Rock, Ark.-based Dillard's Inc.

The line will be launched in the spring in nearly half of Dillard's 347 stores, the department store chain announced. McEntire's line will include clothes for the office, sportswear and other items, Dillard's said in a state ment. Prices will range from \$48 to \$289 in sizes 4-14. The company didn't disclose its terms with the singer-actress. The initial choices will reach some Dillard's stores in March, the company said

Photos and stories from wire reports

# Mexican star pushing status quo's buttons

New York Daily News

If a morality police existed for movies, they'd probably want to slap 25-year-old Mexican star Gael Garcia Bernal with a summons for making subversive films

Audiences discovered the young actor in 2002, in a pair of films that pushed against the barriers of propriety. First, in the art house hit "Y Tu Mama Tambien," Bernal played an adventurous Mexican teen involved in a menage a trois with a pal and an older woman. Then, he played a priest who impregnates a teenage girl in "El Crimen del Padre Amaro ("The Crime of Father Amaro"), which broke box-office records south of the border, despite the Catholic Church's demands that the film be banned.

But when it comes to pushing buttons, the actor — whose thought-provoking new film, "The Motorcycle Diaries," opens in the States on Friday - prides himself on being a repeat offender.

"If people say something [is wrong], I would do it even more, just for the sake of playing around with them," says Bernal. "It's all about going against preconceptions."

Though several Spanish and Mexican stars - including Salma Hayek, Antonio Banderas, Penelope Cruz and even Bernal's "V Tu Mama Tambien" co-star Diego Luna have earned varying degrees of success by courting Hollywood, Bernal flagrantly defies the status quo.

In "Motorcycle Diaries," he portrays Ernesto (Che) Guevara at age 23, as the future Communist leader embarks on a road trip through Latin America with his friend Alberto Granado (Rodrigo De la Serna).

Set in 1952, "Diaries" depicts the social awakenings of the alternately beloved and reviled guerrilla leader of the Cuban revolution. (Bernal, in fact, already played Guevara in a 2002 Showtime movie about Fidel Castro.) The Brazilian film was based on Guevara's memoirs of the same title, and on Granado's book "Traveling With Che Guevara."

And in November, Bernal stars in "Bad Education," the new film by Oscar-winning director Pedro Almodovar ("Talk to Her," "All About My Mother"), as a transvestite involved in a revenge plot against a priest.

Though his runway-ready looks alone could guarantee a lengthy career. Bernal's intelligence and intensity suggest he's destined for more than pinup popularity. Quick to expound, eloquently, on politics and social injustice (his anti-war plea at the 2003 Academy Awards received applause), Bernal uses his craft to explore and enrich his own life views.

"I cannot remember when I didn't know about Che." says Bernal, who grew up in Guadalajara before acting in telenovellos. "Che has so much to do with your ideals as a voung man. His mythifica-



To do so, Bernal studied the texts that inspired Guevara including the French existentialists - and took seminars about 1950s Latin American culture.

"Gael was as curious about his own origins as Guevara was when he was 23, and had the same strength of character and honesty in looking at life," says "Diaries" director Walter Salles, who approached Bernal for the part after

seeing his debut in "Amores Perros." "During the day off or after the shoots, Gael was the first one to go to [local residents] to find out more about what kind of life these people were living. In doing so, he was mirroring what Guevara had done 50 years earlier. Gael was very rooted in his own culture."

Working in more than 30 locations across Argentina. Chile and Peru, in temperatures ranging from below zero in the Andes Mountains to 113 degrees in the Amazon, Bernal had many opportunities to interact with locals. Among them were the Ouechua Indians and the patients of the San Pablo leprosarium in Peru.

We are not movie stars, we are not Tom Cruise walking though these towns," says Bernal, "With the nature of the film, it was like paying a tribute to them. Their social and economic struggle is the same as 50 years ago, and that is

heartbreaking. It puts your priorities in order." His experience on "Motorcycle Diaries" helped Bernal cement his commitment to social change, and his personal journey continued with "Bad Education." Almodovar guipped that he cast Bernal because the actor was "attractive as both a boy and as a girl." Bernal was able to have some fun in it as well.

"It's like finding a clown in yourself, a point that belongs only to you," he says of his scenes in drag. "Nobody else owns it, nobody can take it away. The transgender in you exists whether you are a man or a woman. It is pretty fun to play around. It's very liberating."
"The Motorcycle Diaries" only covers a short span of

Guevara's life, Born in Rosario, Argentina, in 1928, Ernesto Guevara was the eldest of five children in a middle-class family. He briefly abandoned his studies in medicine at the University of Buenos Aires in 1952 to embark on a motorcycle trip with his friend Alberto Granado, a biochemist. Seeing the plight of laborers ignited his passion

In 1954, Guevara joined exiled Cuban revolutionaries in Mexico City, where he earned the nickname Che, a form of address in Argentina. As part of Fidel Castro's guerrilla army, he helped overthrow Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1958. Castro named Guevara Cuba's Minister of Industry, a position he held from 1961-65, including during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis

Guevara moved to Bolivia in 1966, where he worked to stage a coup against the military dictatorship there. He

### **Horoscope**

The moon in Leo says, "Express what you're feeling," but the sun in Libra adds, "Only when appropriate." The two messages don't always fit nicely with one another, and many an emotion is stifled or under played in order to not to

upset others. Don't be so concerned about people think that you give yourself a stomachache. Try journal writing

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 8). What you've

built is now inhabitable. This year features the fruit of your labor - you can sit back and enjoy what you've done Love is the focus through the next two months. When relationships are on track, everything else seems to be on track, too, Just don't mix love and money, and you'll feel comfortable with your status in both areas.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're accepted. When you believe

this at your very core, the bustling, chaotic world seems easier to deal with. Parents hook onto a new way to teach children. The trick is getting them to think they're teaching themselves

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes, it's enough to plan one step at a time, but looking much farther ahead will benefit you now Otherwise, you'll be taking the obvious route, not the route that will accelerate your journey beyond

what you thought possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Manners matter to you. But would you rather be around charming folks who can't further your project or unmannered folks who can boost you to the next level? Do not accept politeness and flattery as payment

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're in a rather ethereal mood, philosophizing and dreaming the morning away. It's all well and good, but when it comes down to it, your destiny is your deed - so use the afternoon to take three actions toward your dream

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your excellent salesmanship is featured

Whether you're convincing a colleague that yours is the correct way to execute a plan or persuading a customer to buy your product, you've got irresistible style

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Preventative action is the name of



#### 23-Oct. 23). You give serious deliberation to even the most inconse quential choices, but this

isn't foolish. You realize that even seemingly inconsequential choices are loaded with karma. Much is coming your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The path to making tomorrow better than yesterday is through imagination. You are creative, and many of your insights are far-out. You're on the right track when a good number of people don't understand you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no need to over-explain yourself. Assume that others trust you, and by this very assumption, you inspire their trust. Beware of going on autopilot this afternoon, especially around loved ones.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). There are perfectionists around you who like to quietly judge, keeping their complaints inside in order to vent them on an unwitting third party. Steer clear of these people, and don't become one vourself

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What comes naturally to you is also difficult for you to explain. For instance, it's second nature for you to gain the goodwill of others by extending plenty of it yourself. But many people just don't get the concept.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Instead of trying to whittle down your

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list of things to do, consider doing the same number of things but with greater compassion, enthusiasm and kindness. When your actions are motivated by love, your energy flows ceaselessly.

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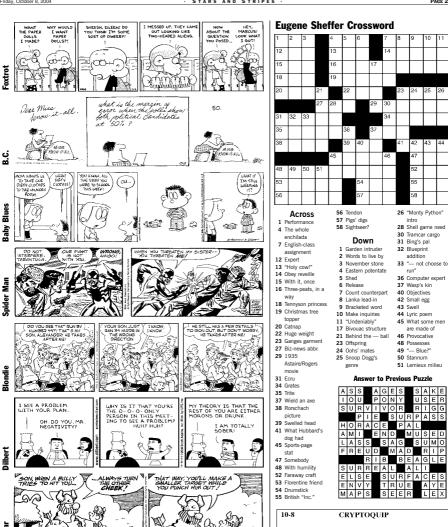








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## **Friend wants to upgrade relations**

#### Dear Abby: I am a

28-year-old, unattractive guy who is in love with my best female friend. "Chrissy" is 25 and a single mother. I have always adored her. We met in high school in 1996

In 2002, Chrissy ran into an old high school boyfriend who was addicted to drugs and has psychological problems.

She fell back in love with him, and soon they were dating.

He was insecure about her having friends, especially someone of the opposite sex, so he gave her an ultima tum - him or me. She chose him. A year later they had a baby.

When Chrissy finally got it through her head that he was never going to change or give up drugs, she broke up with

Being the good guy - or fool

 that I am. I became close with her again. Over time, I have gotten to know her son and have treated him like he was my own. I do anything and everything for them. I would like to have a real relationship

with Chrissy. It makes me sad that she'd rather go out with guys who don't really care for her (she admits it herself) than see how much I love her. I want so much to be with her but I know she doesn't see me in that light.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to say something because if I do, she'll pull back and probably stop seeing me altogether. My friends say I should speak

up or stop seeing her, but I can't, I pray every night for God to grant me this one prayer. What can I do to make this work?

- Desperately Seeking "Chrissy"

Dear Desperate: You've done enough already. Your belief that vou are unattractive may be part of your problem. Beauty is in the eve of the beholder, and Chrissy may be just plain masochistic about men. If Chrissy is unable to recognize the value of what you have to offer, it would

be healthier for you to distance

yourself and find a woman

who's a better judge of men I agree with your friends that it's time to lay your cards on the table. You deserve to have a loving relationship. Love is at its best when it's mutual. When it's not, it's torture. So stop torturing yourself and allowing yourself to be taken for granted. Remember: Some of God's greatest blessings are unanswered

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# At wit's end with mentally ill mom

#### Dear Annie: My

58-year-old mother has suffered from mental illness and alcoholism my entire life. She was diagnosed as schizophrenic and has been in and out of treatment for 33 years Last year, Mom attempted suicide three times. Recently, my grand-

mother (her mother) was nut into a nursing home and is not expected to live much longer. Mom is so consumed by this that she won't work, sits in my grandmother's house looking through old pictures and has withdrawn from everyone. She is again showing signs of being suicidal, and when she calls me, she often makes comments like, "If something happens to me, I want you to have

Annie, I am emotionally exhausted from trying to be supportive of my mother. I have made a great life for myself, and have a wonderful husband and three beautiful children. I live 2.400 miles away from Mom because of her problems. I love her, but I am



Dear Abby

not a therapist. I cannot fix her. I hear these little signs that Mom is having serious prob-lems again, but I don't want to intervene. I no longer want to involve mv self. Of course, I would call the officials if she said she was going to kill herself outright, but that's

about it. There is a point where a person must let go.

Am I being selfish? Is there something else I should be doing? - Giving Up in Montana

Dear Montana: You are not being selfish, you are trying to stay mentally healthy. Phone y mother's doctor so he is aware of the situation and can get an assessment. Then, contact the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (1-800-950-NAMI)

(1,800,950,6264) or check their Web site (www.nami.org) under "Communities" for online discus-sion groups, including one for sons and daughters of the mentally ill, where you can share your con-cerns and find support and helpful suggestions

Dear Annie: We have seven grandchildren, and every Christmas we send each one a sizable check. Three of them thank us by nhone but we never hear a word from the other four. Annie, l not talking about young children These kids are between 15 and 23 ears of age. I say, no more checks, but my husband, their

grandfather, disagrees. - Disgruntled Grandmother Dear Disgruntled: If these children were not taught to write

thank-you notes by their parents, it might be helpful to educate em before cutting them of Phone, write or e-mail each grandchild, and inform them that it is considered good manners to acknowledge a gift, and if they can't find the time to let you know they appreciated your check, you will assume they are no longer interested in receiving

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#### Saturday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. — Baseball: AL Division Series, N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, Game 3. AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m. — Women's basket-ball: WNBA Finals, Seattle or Sacramento at onnecticut, Game 1.

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AFN-Pacinic, 4 a.m. — College football: INLV at BYU. AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m. — College football: Air, Force Football with Fisher DeBerry\* AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Boxing: Ballroom Box-

i AFN-5ports, 9 a.m. — Boxing: Ballroom Box-ing (did).

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Monday's game
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#### NFL injury report

NEW YORK (AP) — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

by the league: Sunday
ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-3) AT SAN FRAN
CISCO 49ERS (0-4) — Cardinals: OUT: WR An
quan Boldin (knee); RB Josh Scobey (knee)
Arizonalidari Oulest (knee) CB Duane Starks (shoulder), QUESTIONABLE: DT Ross Kolodziei (ankle), 49ers: QUT: DF Andre Carter (back); C Jeremy Newberry knee); CB Mike Rumph (forearm); DE Anee); CB Mike Rumpin (Torearm); DE An yw Williams (ankle). DOUBTFUL: LB Derei lith (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: DE John En Iberger (abdomen); DE Otis Leverett Kile). PROBABLE: WR Arnaz Battle (thigh) Kwame Harris (ankle/knee); TE Eric Harris (ankle/knee); TE Eric Harris (ankle/knee); WR Brandon Lloyd (groin); eff Ulbrich (sickness). IFFALO BILLS (0-3) AT NEW YORK JETS

BUFFALO BILLS (0-3) AT NEW YORK JETS (3-0) — Bills: OUT; 08 J.P. Losman (lower leg): S Lawyer Milloy (forearm); CB Troy Vin-cent (knee). DOUBFTU: RB Shaud Williams (knee). QUESTIONABLE: T Jonas Jennings (neck): C Trey Teaque (knee): S Coy Wife (thigh). Jets: OUT: LB Sam Cowart (knee). PROBABLE: CB Donnie Abraham (hip): T PROBABLE: CB Donnie Abraham (filip): T Jason Fahin (Darkherss (1-2) AT DENVER BRONCOS (J-1) — Panthers: OUT: WR Steve smith (anklot, OUSTIONABLE: 10 Fernison Buckner (knee): RB Stephen Davis (knee): LB Stripp): RB OS (Stephen Davis (knee): LB Stripp): RB OS (Stephen Davis (knee): LB OS (Stephen Davis (kne

CLEVELAND BROWNS (2-2) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (3-1) — Browns: QUESTIONABLE:

STELLERS (3-1) — Browns: QUESTIONABLE:
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(htt): RB Duce Staley (toe): WH Hines Ward (TIU); NB DUCE Staley (DOE); WIN HINES WATO (MEDICAL DIAMS (2-1) AT ATAMAT AFAL-COMS (4-0) — Lions: OUT: LB Boss Bailey (knee); RB Kevin Jones (ankle), DOUBTFLIC: CB Andre Goodman (hamstring), UESTION-ABLE: CS DY (S) (knee); RB Cory Schlesings, ABLE: CS DY (S) (knee); RB Cory Schlesings, OUT: CB DeAngelo Hall (In), OUESTION-ABLE: LB Jamile Duncan (pectoral); CB Jason Webster (Ince.) PROBABLE: S Cory Hall

ACKSONVILE JAGUARS (3-1) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (2-2) — Jaguars: OUT: TE Kyle Brady (finger), OUESTIONABLE: TE George Wrighster (back), PROBABLE: DE Li-onel Barnes (Shoulder); WR Troy Edwards (groin). Chargers: OUT: C. Nick Hardwick (knee). OUESTIONABLE: WR Eric Parker (neck). DE DeQuirey, Scott(nee). PROBA-BLE: QB Drew Grees (left Snodder); WR Tim

ht (toe); S Terrence Kiel (shoulder); RB inian Tomlinson (groin); DT Jamal Will-Labblinat Tominson (groin), D' Jamai WillLabblinat Tominson (groin), D' Jamai WillLabblinat Schip - Delphinas (UT 88 Trayle
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Miller (right shoulder). MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-1) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (2-2) — Vikings: OUT: RB Michael mintesofla VIKINGS (2-1) AT HOUSTOD TEXANS (2-2) - VIKINGS (01-7) RM Michae Bennett (knee): IB E.J. Henderson (knee): RI Jermaine Wiggins (hand). QUESTIONABLE (knee): RB Mee Williams (call). PROBABLE: ( Met Birk (ankle). Texans: DOBETILL: S EN FOWN (knee). QUESTIONABLE: RB DOMAING

Brown (Knee). QUES HUNNABLE: NO DUTISHING DAVIS (ARISE). PROBABLE: QB DAVId Carr (foot), RB Moran Norris (Knee). ALLAS COWNBOYS (C1)—Gaints; QUESTIONABLE: DT Norman Hand (elbow); WR Mark Jones (shoulder). Cowboys: OUT: RB Julius JONES (Shoulder). COWDINAB (C1). RB JULIUS JONES (C1). RB JULIUS OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-2) AT RIDIAMAPOLIS COLTS (3-1) — Raiders: OUT - 108 Rich Gannon (neck). DOUBTFUE: G Fraink Middleton (neck). DOUBTFUE: G Fraink Middleton Wheatley (shoulder): LB Sam williams (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: B Justin Fargas (tol.). Outs: Outs: Outs: Onlike Oss (mamstring): CB Joseph Jefferson (knee): 5 Bob Sanders (true). QUESTIONABLE: 5 Bob Sanders (true). QUESTIONABLE: 5 lores Bashin (groin): K Milke Vanderlagt (right hamstring): PROBABLE: CB NICholas Harper String): PROBABLE: CB NICholas Harper ng), PROBABLE: CB Nicholds Harper b); DE Robert Mathis (thigh/groin); WR ndon Stokley (hip); CB Donald Strickland

shoulder). ST. LOUIS RAMS (2-2) AT SEATTLE SEA-HAWKS (3-0) — Rams (UZ-2) AT SEATTLE SEA-HAWKS (3-0) — Rams: OUT: CB Travis Fisher (forearm): DT Jimmy Kennedy (foot). QUES-TIONABLE: G Chris Dishman (knee): LB Tony Newson (ankle). PROBABLE: RB Marshall Newson (ankle). PROBABLE: RB Marshall Faulk (shoulder): CB Deljuan Groce (knee); RB Arlen Harris (hamstring); T Scott Tercero (wrist/hand); LB Robert Thomas (ankle). Se-ahawks: OUT: LB Chad Brown (fibula). PROB-ABLE: LB Isalah Kacyvenski (groin); RB Mack

Strong (knee).
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-4) AT NEW OR-LEANS SAINTS (2-2) — Buccaneers: OUT: WR Jams Jamis (2-2) — Buccaneers: OUT: WR Joey Galloway (groin): WR Frank Murphy (Achilles). PROBABLE: DT Anthony McFar-land (groin). Saints: DOUBTFUL: CB Mike McKenzie (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: WR Talman Gardner (ankle); RB Deuce McAllister (ankle); WR Jerome Pathon (hamstring); LB Courtney Watson (knee), PROBABLE: LB Derrick Rodgers (back).
BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-2) AT WASHING-TON REDSKINS (1-3) — Ravens: OUT: C Mike

TON REDSKINS (1-3) - Ravens: OUT: C Mike Flynn (shoulder); TE Todd Heap (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: RB Ovie Mughelli (hastring); CB Deion Sanders (hamstring); IB T.J. Slaughter (hamstring); WR Travis Taylor (thigh). PROBABLE: CB Gary Baxter (shoulder); DT Aubrayo Franklin (hamstring); TE rerry Jones (shoulder); DT Ma'ake Terry Jones (Singuiner), Dr. Massack Kemoeatu (ribs): EB Bart Scott (hamstring): LB Terrell Suggs (groin): RB Chester Taylor (ankle). Redskins: OUT: LB LaVar Arrington (knee): LB Mike Barrow (knee); DE Phillip Daniels (groin), QUESTIONABLE: S Andre Lot (hamstring), PROBABLE: G Ray Brown (ham string): RB Chad Morton (knee): CB Shawr

Springs (ankle); DE Ron Warner (ankle).

Monday
TENNESSEE TITANS (1-3) AT GREEN BAY
PACKERS (1-3) — Titans: OUT: WR Tyrone Cal-PACKETS (1-3) "TRIANS COIT," No. TYPEN BALL too (knee): TE Fron Kinney (capit); G Zach Pille er (bleeps): S Lance Schulters (hoot): DE Juqua Thomas Lance Schulters (hoot): DE Juqua Thomas Lance): LB Rocky, Calmus Steve McNair (stermum/ankle): TE Shad Meier (ankle): LB Robert Reynolds (hip). Packers: OUT: D' Grady Jackson (knee); DT Gody (chrib): QUESTIONABLE: CB Ahmad Car-roll (groin): RB Najeh Davenoort (ham-coll (groin): RB Najeh Davenoort (ham-(back/rib), QUESTIONABLE: OF MITTAL SON roll (groin): RB Naigh Davenport (ham-string). PROBABLE: QB Brett Favre (concus-sion): TE Bubba Franks (back): CB Al Harris (toe): LB Hannibal Navies (shoulder): S Dar-ren Sharper (back); DE R-Kal Truluck (shoul-dar)

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#### **Tennis**

Japan Open Thursday At Ariake Colos At Ariake Colosseum
Tokyo
Purse: Men, Ses000 (Int. Gold); Women,
\$170,000 (Tie III)
Surface on Singles
Men
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Jan-Michael Gerachi, Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Björn Phau, Germany, def. Andrei Pavel
(3), Romania, 6-7, 6-1.

э), котыпа, 6-2, 6-1. Paradorn Srichaphan (4) Thailand def. larel Levy, Israel, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4. larel Levy, Israel, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4. Michael Kohlmann, Germany, def. Guiller-10 Canas (6), Argentina, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3, Jirí Novak (5) Czech Republic, def. Guiller-10 Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-5, 6-2. Ricardo Mello (11) Brazil, def. Flavio Saret-

ta, Brazil, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (5), Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, def. Den-nis van Scheppingen (14), Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3), Bohdan Ullhrach, Czech Republic, def. Jark-ko Nieminen (12), Finland, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, def. Den-nls van Scheppingen (14), Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

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Paradorn Srichaphan (4), Thailand, def. Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, 6-3, 4-1, re-

Marico Chiudinelli, Switzerland, e-3, 4-1, ret Böndan Ullirach, Czech Republic, def. Michael Kohlmann, Germany, 6-4, 6-2. Maria Sharapova (1), Russla, def. Youlia Fed-toria Chiefa (1), 1997,

#### Porsche Grand Prix Thursday At Tennissporthalle Filderstadt Filderstadt, Germany

Purse: \$650,000 (Tier II) Surface: Hard-Indoor Singles Second Round

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# Lyon Open Wednesday At Palais des Sports de Lyon Lyon, France Purse: \$882,000 (Intl. Series) Surface: Carpet-Indoor Singles First Round

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Golden State at Sacramento
Monday's game
Washington vs. Indiana at Muncie, Ind.
Tuesday's games
Chicago vs. Boston at Manchester, N.H.

Memphis at Orlando Washington vs. Philadelphia at Durham. N.C. Seattle vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif.

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# RACING STRIPES

#### A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

# **Lost for words**

# One slip of the tongue could decide next NASCAR champ

**Nextel Cup schedule** 

Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kan-sas City, Kan. Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality

500, Concord, N.C. Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martin-

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BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The moment the four-letter word slipped out of Dale Earn-hardt's mouth, NASCAR knew it had a huge dilemma on its hands.

The precedent had already been set for punishing drivers who cursed during broadcast interviews — a sizable fine, plus the deduction of championship points which have a far greater value than any cash amount.

But docking points from Junior for using a vulgarity in Victory Lane last week at Talladega had se-

vere implications:

He'd drop from first to

second in the points lead, giving up the top spot in the race

for the Nextel Cup title.

Knocking Earnhardt out of the lead would guarantee a nasty backlash from the army of Earnhardt loyalists. Not taking the points

at all

would be even worse, indicating favoritism to a driver many believe already gets preferential

treatment from NASCAR In the end, it was not a difficult decision

NASCAR took 25 points from Earnhardt and fined him \$10,000 on Tuesday, a penalty that dropped him behind Kurt Busch for the points lead with seven events to go in

the 10-race playoff system.

"It was really a no-brainer," said
NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter. "Are we getting angry e-mails from fans? Of course But when we announced the Chase for the Championship, everyone asked us how we were going to police it. The answer was 'The same way we police everything else.'

"Just because he was the points leader, just because it changed his position in the standings, changed nothing. The rules are the rules and he broke them.

In upholding the law - which, by the

way, only went into effect in February when NASCAR President Mike Helton or dered all teams to quit cussing on TV and radio — the sanctioning body created the possibility that the championship could be decided not on the race track, but off of it

for a non-racing violation.

Busch, who now holds a 12-point lead over Earnhardt, is hoping it doesn't hap-

overwhelmingly NASCAR's most popular driver. Busch well, is not.

Busch has been booed in Victory Lane numerous times, and realizes that if Earnhardt loses the title by 25 points or less, the winner will be vilified.

"I want to go into the last race with a 155-point edge and that way we won't have to worry about anything," Busch said. With seven races to go, any-

thing can happen. Earnhardt could race his way back into the lead, or he could wreck his way out of contention

"This is just a quick point difference that was 13 in his favor and now it's 12 in our favor, but we've got seven races to go," Busch said. "Hopefully, these 25 points won't come into the final factor because we want to beat him on the race track."

Earnhardt and his Dale Earnhardt Inc team are appealing the penalty, but the three-person panel selected from the National Stock Car Racing Commission rarely overturns a NASCAR decision.

DEI certainly realizes its chances of having the points restored are slim, at best, but is arguing a much larger point. 'We're facing a setback from a competi

tion standpoint for something that should be considered a personal foul," said Richie Gilmore, DEI's director of competition. "I think we're the only sport that takes points off of the board after they've been scored."



Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s team is appealing the 25-point penalty NASCAR levied for Earnhardt's use of vulgarity in Victory Lane on Sunday. The ruling knocked Earnhardt out of the Nextel Cup points lead with seven races remaining.

And that's where it gets murky. NASCAR can, and should, take points for illegal parts, blatant cheating, even rough driving. All those offenses are racing-relat-

But swearing? That's got nothing to do with competition.

What's next? Losing points for wearing an ugly firesuit? Not quite, NASCAR says. But the sanctioning body defends its policy against swearing, pointing to its image as a family sport.

And in dealing with drivers who make tons of money - Earnhardt earned \$4,923,500 last season — fines just weren't getting the message across.

"We hadn't been able to find a monetary value that was effective in sending our message for violations we were finding," Nex-tel Cup series director John Darby said "Taking points isn't something happy about doing. I've been lobbied very hard by crew chiefs to 'Make the fines as

high as you like but don't take our points.' 'It's a shame that it can affect the championship, but it's something we feel is work-

ing."

Don't count Earnhardt out just yet.

The field of 10 drivers racing for the title

has more or less been cut in half.

Jeremy Mayfield is out of it, a wreck at
Talladega knocking him 267 points behind

the leader Jimmie Johnson is in ninth place, a failed engine dropping him 159 points out. Johnson can still climb out of his hole,

and so can drivers Matt Kenseth, Tony Stewart, Elliott Sadler and Ryan Newman. But for any of the bottom drivers to win the title, they'll need the front four to falter Busch, who has held to an aggressive

esting schedule, has shown no signs of doing so.
"We're making so many laps that we're trying to keep up with all of our notes," he

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changed his position in the standings, changed nothing. The rules are the rules and he broke them.

NASCAR spokesman

#### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

#### Race 30: Banquet 400, 8 p.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Sports.

Last race: Dale Earnhardt Jr. temporarily eld the lead in the standings after winning the EA Sports 500 at Talladega, but dropped to nd after being docked 25 points and fined \$10,000 by NASCAR on Tuesday for using a

vulgarity during a televised post-race interview

Last year: Ryan Newman's gas gamble paid off as he won the Banquet 400. Newman drove the final 117 laps on one tank of fuel and held off a challenge from Bill Elliott to record his eighth victory of 2003.





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# Dale Earnhardt Jr by 12 points in the driver standings

They are the only two drivers to record top-10 finish-es in each of the first three races of the Chase for the Championship. ... Championship. ...
Jeff Gordon has
four wins at Kansas
Speedway. ... Michael Waltrip is expected to make his
600th Nextel Cup
start this weekend.

#### POINTS RACE After 29 of 36 races

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16. Michael Waltrip 3,149

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#### FORMULA ONE This week: Japanese Grand Prix at Su-

### **BUSCH SERIES**

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### INDY RACING Last race: Tony Kanaan clinched his first series championship after finish-ing second in the Toyota 400 in Fontana, Calif. Kanaan was .0.183 seconds behind Adrian Fernandez. who claimed his sec-

who won the season-ending race ahead of Kimi Raikkonen

Last race: Sebastien Bourdais held off Newman-Haas teammate Bruno Jun-quiera in a side-by-side battle to win the Las Vegas 400 for his sixth victory of 2004. Bourdais won by 0.065 seconds, the sixth-closest finish since 1979. Next race: Oct. 24, Surfer's Paradise, Australia.

# Barber has big numbers except fumbles

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tiki Barber has done more than put his fumbling problems be-

hind him.

The New York Giants running back is leading the NFL in all-purpose yards with 619 and the NFC in rushing with 455, just 21 yards behind league leader Priest Holmes of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Barber insists the statistics mean nothing. The big number is the team's 3-1 record heading into Sunday's game at Dallas.

"It's something that helps us win, that's all that matters," Barber said. "I am standing on a lot of people's shoulders this season, the offensive line, my coaches. I give them as much credit as I deserve."

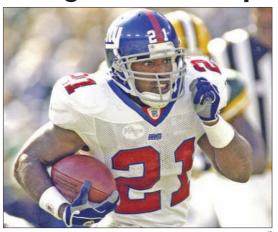
Barber had the second-best game of his eight-year career last weekend, rushing for 182 yards in a 14-7 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Only seconds after the dazed Brett Favre came off the bench to give the Packers a third-quarter lead with a touchdown pass, Barber took a handoff from Kurt Warner and went 52 yards for a touchdown.

Rookie guard Chris Snee remembered the play well. Every lineman made his block.

"There is still this one guy sitting in the hole that Tiki had to beat, and he beat him," Snee recalled

No one has ever questioned Barber's running ability; he has rushed for 1,000 yards in three of the past four seasons. However, Barber led NFL running backs



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with nine fumbles last season, a year during which New York went 4-12.

Jim Fassel was fired after the season and was replaced by Tom Coughlin, a no-nonsense coach who hates turnovers. One of the first things Coughlin did was have running backs coach Jerald Ingram work with Barber on how he carried the ball. The two came up with a way to get Barber to hold the ball closer to his body.

Barber also changed his running philosophy a little. Some of his fumbles a year ago came trol will win in the NFL. An extra

when he tried to make something happen by getting an extra yard or two.

"The next play is more important, so that's what you have to remember," Barber said Wednesyard here or there doesn't, even though it's a game of inches. An extra yard doesn't win you

games."

To emphasize that, the Giants are plus-10 in the giveaway-take-away margin, which leads the

Former Giants and current Dallas coach Bill Parcells has been impressed with Barber, particularly the all-purpose yards.

"Gosh, he is making runs," Parcells said. "He is doing a good joo on the screen pass in the passing game. He's doing a tremendous job with the run, and they are doing a good job with him. He's a good player. He's always been a good blaver."

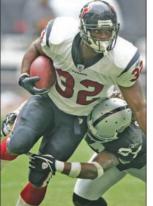
Barber's success is also giving confidence to the Giants' new offensive line.

"When there are holes, Tiki is finding them, and when there are small little holes that certain backs wouldn't get, he is finding it and taking it for a few yards," Snee said.

Barber is also proving he can be the short yardage guy many expected Ron Dayne to be. He has been hitting the pile near the goal line and pushing it.

"I have no fear of getting hit," Barber said. "I get behind my pads and trust my linemen and then I start driving, and whatever happens, happens. Sometimes I pop out of those and that's how some of these big plays happen.

"It's probably stupid, really," Barber added. "Sometime you go in there against a 250-pounder and move him. Sometimes you do, and sometimes you get planted."



Texans third-string running back Jonathan Wells rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown last week when he started in place of injured Domanick Davis against Oakland.

# Wells proves ability hasn't run dry

BY JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jonathan Wells spent nearly all of training camp on special teams units and sharing repetitions with guys who were certain to be unemployed soon.

Clearly no longer in the Houston Texans' plans at running back, Wells began to wonder if his spot on the team might be in jeopardy.

"It crossed my mind," the three-year veteran said Wednesday. "I tried to stay positive. I knew I was going to get my chance. I just didn't know when or where." That chance finally came a few

weeks into the regular season.
Starting tailback Domanick Davis
sprained an ankle at Kansas City, and
backup Tony Hollings missed his sec-

ond game with a bruised right knee. The Texans had no choice but to start Wells, and he delivered.

Wells made a few tough runs and scored a key two-point conversion in a victory over Kansas City. He broke out with his first 100-yard rushing game against Oakland. Now, he's a valuable commodity on a team that has struggled to find a dependable—and healthy—running back.

Wells had a good beginning with the Texans. As a rookie, he started 11 games for the expansion team, rushing for 529 yards on 197 carries, an av44I was going to run the ball in the NFL. ... I definitely never gave up hope

of being a

running back. 77
Jonathan Wells

Texans running back erage of 2.7 yards, and three touch-

Lack of production was a big reason Houston had the NFL's worst offense that season, and the team immediately began looking for a replacement in the offseason.

downs

The addition of rookies Davis and Hollings and free agent Stacey Mack dropped Wells to fourth on the depth chart in 2003. He ran just five times for 14 yards last season.

By summer, Wells was down to splitting carries with running backs who joined the team midway through camp. He barely made Houston's final preseason cut.

Wells still figured he'd be given another opportunity, probably with another team.

"I was going to run the ball in the NFL," Wells said. "When? It wasn't my decision. I definitely never gave up hope of being a running back."

He worked harder in the weight room. He finally began to study the offense and learned how to read defenses. He vowed to use his 6-foot-1, 252-pound frame to pound away at tacklers more than ever before.

And, he waited for another chance. Injuries to Davis and Hollings cleared the way into the starting backfield

Wells got his first start in two seasons against the Raiders, and helped Houston control the clock by rushing for 105 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries. He caught one pass for 28 yards and had a 62-yard touchdown catch wiped out by a holding penalty in the third quarter.

His performance caught the attention of the same coaches who had almost given up on him a few months before.

"Jonathan Wells stepped up and accepted the role he had with 100 yards," coach Dom Capers said. "I thought he really competed. He

With Davis still ailing and Hollings unproven in a starting role, Wells might even get a chance to start against Minnesota.

played a physical game.

"When they call my number, I just want to go in there and produce and not hurt the team," Wells said. "That's my goal right now."

### Williams might not be welcomed back

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. - Ricky Williams' former teammates with the Miami Dolphins acknowledge that they need him. After all, they're 0-4 with perhaps the worst offense in the NFL.

But do they want him? ere are really two lines of thought, and I'm kind of debating between the two," guard Taylor Whitley said Wednesday, "You can either say, 'To heck with the guy. While we've been going 0-4 here, he's been out having a good time.' Or we can say, 'Hey, we need the help. Come on back.' I don't know.

After missing the first four weeks of the season. Williams wants to come out of retirement - but it might not be with the team he left in July. Gary Ostrow an attorney who has represented Williams, said the 2002 NFL rush ing champion hopes to receive clearance from the league to play again before the Oct. 19 trade deadline so he can be dealt by Miami.

Williams, who has admitted to repeated violations of the league drug program, has asked the NFI. for a hearing to clarify his status. The Dolphins say their understanding is he must serve a suspension for the rest of this season, and the NFL has declined to com-

ment.
"It's very murky water, and Ricky has asked for a clarification." Ostrow said. "He would like the option to play for another

Miami defensive end David Bo-



liams rejoin the Dolphins. But Pro Bowl linebacker Zach Thomas said he doubted that help from Williams is on the way

"He will not be playing for the Dolphins," Dolphins," Thomas predicted. "He's got too many things with the fans and too much with the media, and that's the reason he ran from it in the first place. He wouldn't come back here.'

Williams has expressed an interest in playing for the Oakland Raiders. Their coach is Norv Turner, who was Williams' offensive coordinator during his two seasons in Miami.

"The Raiders would fit Ricky's personality better anyway," Ostrow said. "But he may not have many options other than going back to the Dolphins. How many teams are going to have an interest in him other than Norv, who has a relationship with him?"
Whether Miami would wel-

come him back is uncertain. He caused a lot of resentment by retiring in July, shortly before training camp. The Dolphins haven't won a game since he left, and they're off to their worst start in 38 years going into Sunday's game at New England.

"It has been very difficult," coach Dave Wannstedt said, "The guy was 65 or 70 percent of our offense. I don't think we would have redone our whole offensive line and started from scratch if we knew we were going to have to start from scratch at the running back position

In the days following Williams' retirement, center Seth McKin-nev called it selfish and stupid. Williams then disparaged McKin-ney's blocking. Defensive tackle Larry Chester said Williams was acting like a bitter girlfriend and owed the team an apology.

Given so much baggage, would the Dolphins embrace Williams

"At 4-0 it would be a different story than being 0-4," Bowens said. "If we were winning, I'm sure people would be a little bit more negative. But since we're losing, people might be a little more optimistic. We could use all





Rookie running back Mewelde Moore might get his chance to start for the Vikings this week.

## Vikings' RB depth faces test

BY ANDRES YBARRA The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - At the start of training camp, the Minnesota Vikings' backfield was touted as the deepest in years.

Now's the time to prove it. Michael Bennett is injured Onterrio Smith is suspended. And veteran Moe Williams is iffy with a calf problem. That leaves mokie Mewelde Moore and first-year man Larry Ned to lead the backfield Sunday when the Vikings play at Houston.

Earlier this year, other teams reportedly showed interest in trading for one of Mike Tice's running backs, but the coach wasn't willing to part with any of them He's feeling good about that deci-

"We were not willing to trade any running backs for obvious reasons," Tice said Wednesday. "You're only one injury away from being short."

Bennett, a Pro Bowl running back in 2002, was expected back this week after spraining his right knee in the preseason. But he reinjured the knee last week during practice.

Smith is a very capable replacement for Bennett, but was suspended this week for four games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Williams is a savvy veteran who led the team with 745 yards rushing and had five touchdowns last year. But he's been limited by a calf problem and is questionable for Sunday. Tice said Williams wouldn't practice much this

"Moe will definitely suit up in the game," Tice said. "What his role will be will be determined by how he feels on Friday.

fourth-round draft pick out of Tulane, likely will start against the

"I've been in the flow," he said. "I've been watching and paying attention. I'll just go out there and

apply my game." So far, Moore has been used mainly as a kick returner. He's had only one carry this season, an 8-yard gain in the opener against Dallas.

# **Favre feeling better** but skips practice

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Brett Favre skipped practice Wednes day, still feeling the effects of a concussion to go along with a softhall-sized bruise on his left leg and a loose left shoulder. And he's the healthy one

Backup quarterback Doug Pederson has a cracked bone in his

back, a broken

rib and a torn muscle in his NFL briefs

side, all the result of Keith Washington's wicked side line hit Sunday in Green Bay's loss to the Giants.

"We're getting old," said Pederson, a year older than Favre, who turns 35 next week. "We are get-ting old and we're fragile and that's the thing that even Brett realizes. I mean, he's no spring chicken either."

Favre has been knocked out of the past two games, but he is preparing to make his 213th consecustart (including playoffs)

Monday night against Tennessee. On Wednesday evening, Favre's brother-in-law died after crashing an all-terrain vehicle on the player's property in Sumrall.

Casey Tynes, 24, the brother of Favre's wife, Deanna, was riding the ATV without a helmet when it flipped, Lamar County Sheriff Danny Rigel said. Tynes suffered head injuries, was transported to Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg at 6 p.m. and was pronounced dead 20 minutes later. Deputy Coroner Randy Beck said

The Favre family did not immediately issue a statement.

#### Davis gives Panthers pep talk CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The inju-

ry report lists Stephen Davis as questionable to play against Den-ver. His behavior Wednesday made him look more like a proba

The first sign came in the morning meetings. "He's ready to go," center Jeff

Mitchell said. "He's been awake in all the meetings. The next sign came halfway

through practice, when Davis surprised Carolina's offensive linemen by pulling them together to talk about Sunday's game in Den-

"He said he wanted us to know the importance of this game, and that he really wants to come back and have a solid performance, said left tackle Jordan Gross

'He didn't do that all of last year," Gross said. "He's really a quiet guy, and for him to come out and say we need to get going - it really got me excited for this

Davis hasn't played since the season-opening loss to Green Bay because he had arthroscopic sur gery Sept. 17 to repair torn carti-lage in his left knee.

Although Carolina is secure with backup DeShaun Foster, having both backs healthy gives them a 1-2 punch that the Panthers hope will jump-start their stagnant running game.

#### NFL injury update

uries to prominent NFL players, fol-ed by team's prognosis. (See Page 28 complete injury report provided by the leagues: Running back LaDainian Tomlinson (groin) missed practice on Wednesday but is expected to practice on Thursday and is probable for Sun-

on Thursday and Is proaante for sun-day's game.
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Saints: Running back Deuce McAllister (ankle) ran a few plays in practice on the practice of the practice on the practice on able but is unlikely to play Sunday.

"Having both of them, you can use the whole playbook," Gross

#### Colts looking for kicker

INDIANAPOLIS — If Mike Vanderjagt can't kick Sunday against Oakland, the Indianapolis Colts now have a backup plan.

Vanderjagt is listed as questionable with a strained right hamstring, so the Colts worked out kicker Matt Bryant on Wednesday. He has not yet signed.

When asked if Bryant would be used, Colts coach Tony Dungy said: "He or someone. We'll keep our eyes open. If it comes down to it, we can sign someone Thursday or Friday, probably Friday."

The Colts, however, may not

have a definitive answer on Vanderjagt until then.

Vanderjagt said Wednesday he has received treatment for his hamstring three times and that he was feeling better. He was hurt on a 46-yard field goal that gave Indianapolis a 10-0 lead late in the first half last week at Jackson-

He didn't practice Wednesday and said he may not even try until Friday.

#### **Bills accuse Patriots' Wilfork** of cheap shots

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Buffalo's Jonas Jennings and Chris Villarrial accused Patriots defensive tackle Vince Wilfork of taking cheap shots at them.

Bills tackle Jennings said Wednesday that he was still feel-ing a little lightheaded after sustaining a concussion, the result of a helmet-to-helmet hit from Wilfork behind the play in New England's 31-17 victory Sunday. Jen nings said he was blindsided, and that the collision cracked his helet near the jaw

Jennings was held out of practice Wednesday, and is listed as questionable for Sunday's game at the New York Jets. Jennings already was unhappy

with Wilfork, saying they ex-changed comments on the field after Jennings said he saw Wilfork kick guard Villarrial in the ribs earlier in the game.
Villarrial said he was down on

the ground during Rian Lindell's 33-yard field goal in the first quar-ter when Wilfork kicked him.

#### **Cardinals activate DT Bryant**

TEMPE, Ariz. - The Arizona Cardinals activated defensive tackle Wendell Bryant off the suspended list on Wednesday.

He served a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

# **Peeved Cassell shows** at Timberwolves camp

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. Sam Cassell practiced jump shots at the end of practice Wednesday, looking right at home among his teammates on the Minnesota Timherwolves

But Cassell was a day late for training camp at St. John's University and the 34-year-old guard skipped the team's media day and first day of workouts this week because he was unhappy about not getting a contract extension.

Charles Tucker, Cassell's agent, wouldn't comment when asked if the Wolves did anything to address Cassell's unhappiness, other than to say Cassell "has a better understanding" of the team's plans for him in the future. Cassell said talks were moving in the right direction.

Cassell's contract calls for him to be paid \$5.65 million this season and \$6.1 million next season. Cassell said that's not fair mar-

ket value for a point guard of his caliber. He blames the problem on a former agent he worked with when he played for the New Jersey Nets, and said the issue continues to plague him and accounts for his frequent trades.

"I won't be satisfied until I get what I deserve," he said. "It's going good; that's why I'm in



camp. ... My number is so low. it won't be something they've got to think about."

Meanwhile teammate Latrell Sprewell is also hoping to work out an extension before the regular season begins.

"If I have to leave, I will," said Sprewell, who has one year re-maining on his contract. "That's the bottom line. ... It's a great onportunity to try and win a ring, but I have to do what's best for me financially."

Vice president of basketball op erations Kevin McHale wouldn't comment on Cassell's situation. except to say he's glad he's in camp. But he said working out a deal with Sprewell before opening day seemed reasonable.

'We want Spree here," McHale said, "He's a tremendous part of this team — his talent, personali-ty, energy."

#### Wagner leaves Cavaliers camp

COLUMBUS, Ohio land Cavaliers guard Dajuan Wagner left training camp Wednesday to attend to a personal matter.



Orlando's Grant Hill participates in a scrimmage during the Magic's training camp this week. Reports indicate that Hill's troubles ankle is holding up well so far.

The Cavaliers said Wagner re-turned to his home in Camden, N.J., but the team did not give a reason for his departure. The Cavaliers don't know when Wagner

allers don't know will return.

KYW-TV in Philadelphia reported Wednesday night that Wagner's sister was injured on Tuesday when she fell out of a school bus

#### Magic C DeClercq might miss 3-4 weeks after knee surgery

ORLANDO, Fla. - Orlando Magic center Andrew DeClercq will likely miss 3 to 4 weeks while he recovers from his second knee

surgery of the year.

The nine-year veteran might start the regular season on the injured list.

# Judge rules accuser's name will be revealed in Bryant's civil trial

BY STEVE HENSON Los Angeles Times

VAIL, Colo. - Indicating he did not want to appear biased in favor of Kobe Bryant's accuser, a federal judge ruled Wednesday that the woman's name will be used in her civil suit against the Los Angeles Lakers star.

Meanwhile, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation determined that it will not release records of its findings in the criminal case including results of DNA testing and of clothing, hair and fibers taken from Bryant and the 20-year-old woman who accused

The felony sexual assault charge was dismissed Sept. 1 more than 14 months after the encounter at a mountain resort when the accuser decided she would not testify

him of rane.

A trial in the civil case is not expected to take place until next year and could be averted if a set tlement is reached. The woman has sued for unspecified damages for "ridicule, pain and suffering" since the alleged rane.

The woman's name was not used in pretrial court filings and hearings in the criminal case. However, it would have been have said that among the reasons she dropped out was that she lost faith in the criminal justice system because the court mistakenly released her name several times

She will be referred to by name in the civil case. District Judge Richard Matsch said that allowing the woman to remain anonymous could be prejudicial to Bryant and ordered that the suit be refiled by Oct. 20 with her "true name disclosed?

The judge noted that the suit filed by the woman's attorneys detailed her account of the alleged rape and that Bryant's attorneys were justified when they wrote that "permitting these allegations to be made anonymously imposes significant prejudice and hardship on the defendant.

Matsch went on to say, "The parties appear as equals before the court and that fundamental principle must be protected throughout these proceedings.

Most mainstream media out-lets have not identified the woman because of long-standing policies not to name alleged rape

District Attorney Mark Hurlbert could release as early as Friday a portion of the 4,000 pages of sealed records in the case.

# Pacers' Jones fighting again for playing time

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS - Fred Jones enters

the Indiana Pacers' training camp know-ing he'll have to fight for every minute of playing time he can get. And that's just the way he likes it After a breakout season. Jones had shoul-

der surgery in July, then watched the Pacers trade for Stephen Jackson, another shooting guard Now, instead of becoming the heir appar-

ent to Reggie Miller, Jones again finds himself having to scratch and claw just to get on the court

"I like to fight" Jones said Wednesday "I'm aggressive. I've been in a lot of fights

in my life. I'm not going to back down That's exactly what coach Rick Carlisle wants to hear. Carlisle is a fan of comnetition in practice, believing it fosters im-

provement in everyone involved. Even more encouraging is that Jones appears to be recovering quickly from a pain ful shoulder injury he sustained during the playoffs last season.

Jones was hurt in Game 3 of the second-round series against Miami, and played through it the rest of the postse After three months of recovery, Carlisle said Jones looks as if "he hasn't missed a heat

coach was most impressed by Jones' physical condition when he re-turned for training camp. Instead of adding weight during a long stretch of inactivity brought on by the surgery, Jones lost nine pounds

"He kept himself very mindful to the fact when you have an injury you can't blow up," Carlisle said. "Right now, he's playing the same way he did in the playoffs

That's a good thing for the Pacers. After a slow start last season, the 6-foot-2 Jones used his acrobatic triumph in the slam

dunk competition during All-Star weekend as a catapult to a strong stretch run. 'I went into the dunk contest not feeling well about it," Jones said. "Then it gave me

a lot more confidence that I ended up win-ning, so I came out of that thinking, 'Man I need to push this up a little bit more and see what I can do.' His outside shot started falling, and his defensive intensity increased, making him a valuable member of the rotation by the

end of the season. He averaged 4.9 points and 2.1 assists in 81 games.

That didn't stop the Pacers from trading Al Harrington to Atlanta for Jackson, a

shooting guard with three-point range and good defensive skills.

And while Jones app ears to be No. 3 on the depth chart behind Miller and Jackson, Carlisle said that shouldn't discourage him 'We're very deen at that position right

now, so I'm not sure who's going to get how many minutes," Carlisle said. "But I've told him not to look at the depth chart, not to count heads, but just to play and make it tough on us not to play him. That's what he did last year and that's what he's continuing to do this year

That's the only way Jones knows how to do it. After starring at Oregon in college the 2002 first-round draft pick saw minimal playing time his rookie season.

"My rookie year, I didn't get the opportu-nity to play," Jones said. "Last year was like my rookie year on the floor. Now I know what I can do and I expect it to go up a little

# Magloire joins B. Davis on list of disgruntled Hornets

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - All-Star center Jamaal Magloire said "no comment" when asked Wednesday if he was happy to be playing for the New Orleans H

Along with Baron Davis, that makes two All-Stars — the only two on the team who are talking as if they're losing faith in team management and would prefer to play somewhere else.

"They're not looking out for our best interest and sooner or later I'm going to have to look out for my best interest," Magloire said after practice in suburban Westwego. "Until then, I'll continue to play hard and do what ever coach asks me to do.

Later this summer. Davis suggested through his agent that he might be better off playing somewhere else, noting that he was dissatisfied with New Orleans' offseason moves.

Davis said he was disappointed the Hornets failed to sign "a big-time free agent" to replace former All-Star Jamal Mashburn, who averaged about 20 points in recent seasons but will miss this season with a career-threatening knee injury.

The Hornets' top free-agent signing this summer was Rodney Rogers, who has averaged just over 11 points for his

The Hornets have said salary cap constraints due in large part to Mashburn's approximately \$9 million-a-year salary (through next season) limited their abili ty to pursue free agents.

Since training camp started this week Davis said he has discussed the matter



ship contender. This is not the start Byron Scott envisioned when he took over as the Hornets' third coach in three seasons this summer, but he has yet to complain and said

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he believes Davis' comments about being more patient with personnel matters and continuing to give his best. "I'm convinced by what he tells me, (even though) his body language at times tells me otherwise," said Scott, who was hired in part on Davis' recommendation

shortly after last season's firing of Tim "My job is to coach. I'm going to coach the guys that are here. Baron is here and I'm going to coach him the best I can," Scott said. "I'm going to get on him. I'm going to expect him to be ready to play each and every day and so far he's don

Another issue concerning Davis and Magloire is a new team policy limiting the use of personal trainers. Although Shinn asserted that is the source of Davis' discontent, Davis denies it, Magloire, however, has called the policy absurd.

Magloire also said he supported Davis' comments about offseason roster moves, particularly in light of the Hornets' move to the Western Conference this season.

"Going to the Western Conference, you have to improve as a team and I think we're stagnant right now." Magloire said.

# NBC switches to 5-second delay after Earnhardt slip at Talladega

The Associated Pres

NEW YORK — NBC is adding a 5-second delay to its NASCAR telecasts after Dale Earnhard Jr. used a vulgarity during a postrace TV interview last weekend. "We're disappointed for our viewers to have to do this, but the

"We're disappointed for our viewers to have to do this, but the delay provides a level of protection against anything inappropriate going out over the air," NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol said Thursday.

Earnhardt was docked 25 points in the Nextel Cup standings and fined \$10,000 for his slip of the tongue in an NBC interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway, dropping him to second place with seven races left in the season. He will appeal the point penalty.

Federal regulators have cracked down on objectionable content on TV and radio since Janet Jackson's "wardrobe mai function" during her halftime performance in the Super Bowl. CBS was fined a record \$550,000 by the FCC for Jackson's breast-baring incident.

Networks have installed delays of up to 10 seconds for some programming, and ABC's "Monday Night Football" is using a 5-second delay this season. But, until now, NBC had decided not to give itself a chance to censor its NASCAR telecasts.

#### NASCAR hands out 12 more penalties

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A day after hitting Dale Earnhardt Jr. with a \$10,000 fine and the loss of 25 points for cursing during a postrace TV interview, NASCAR handed down 12 more penalties for rule violations at Talladega Superspeedway.

The hardest hit Wednesday

The nardest nit Wednesday was Roush Racing, which received four of the penalties for making unapproved rear spoiler adjustments on the No. 16 Ford of Greg Biffle.

Biffle was penalized 25 points, and car owner Geoff Smith, also the Roush team's general manager, lost 25 points. Also, crew chief Doug Richert was fined \$25,000

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and crew member Michael Hillman Jr. was suspended until Oct. 20 and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

Biffle remained 21st in the standings, falling to 46 points behind 20th-place Jeff Burton.

Evernham Motorsports was handed three penalties for an un-approved spoiler modification to the No. 9 Dodge of Kassy Kahne, the top rookie in the Nextel Cup series. Kahne and team owner and car owner Ray Evernham were docked 25 points apiece and crew chief Tommy Baldwin was fined \$25,000.

The loss of points dropped Kahne from 14th to 15th, eight points behind Bobby Labonte.

Pat Tryson, crew chief for Mark Martin's No. 6 Ford, was hith fines totaling \$15,000 for two separate violations. NASCAR docked Tryson \$10,000 for an unapproved air directional device and \$5,000 for an unapproved windshield mounting on the Roush-owned car.

Peter Rondeau, crew chief for Kenny Wallace's No. 1 Chevrolet, was fined \$10,000 for using unapproved spring mounting plates and bolts; Michael McSwain, crew chief for Ricky Rudd's No. 21 Ford was fined \$1,000 for using unapproved windshield using unapproved windshield chief for Scott Riggs' No. 10 Chevrolet, was assessed a \$500 fine for using seat belts with an expired manufacturer's date.

#### Two-time Boston Marathon champ Kelly dead at 97

BOSTON — John A. Kelley, a two-time Boston Marathon champion who became a central figure in the race's history by running in it a record 61 times, died at 97.

He died Wednesday night at a Cape Cod nursing home, stepson Dave DeLong said. Kelley had just moved into the facility from his Dennis home the same day.

Kelley, a former Olympian and member of the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame, won America's oldest marathon in 1935 and 1945 and finished second a record seven times. But it was his longevity for which Kelley will be remembered. He completed 58 Boston Marathons, also a record, and had 18 finishes in the top 10.

#### Crew extend streak to 16, win Eastern Conference title

CHICAGO — The Columbus Crew won their first Eastern Conference title and extended their unbeaten streak to an MLS-record 16 games with a 1-0 victory over the Chicago Fire on Wednesday.

Columbia (12-5-11) earned home-field advantage in the playoffs, and extended its unbeaten streak to 8-0-8. The Los Angeles Galaxy set the previous record over two seasons (1997-1998).

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Simon Elliott set up Edson Buddle's 25-yard goal with a short
pass on a free kick in the 59th
minute after Fire defender Evan
Whitfield fouled Jeff Cunningham.

#### Four-on-four hockey series to make 32 stops in Quebec

MONTREAL — Three teams of locked-out NHL players will play for free while touring the province of Quebec in a four-on-four hockey series from which all proceeds will be donated to children's charities.

The 32-stop tour, which will not allow hitting or fighting, is being funded by sponsors. Fans will pay \$20 per ticket. The tour's first stop is Oct. 23 in Sorel, Quebec.

The tour is being organized by Joel Bouchard of the New York Rangers. Jose Theodore of the Montreal Canadiens and Roberto Luongo of the Florida Panthers will suit up for one team. Another Gagne of the Philadelphia Flyers and Alex Tanguay of the Colorado Avalanche and Columbus goalie Marc Denis, while a third includes Minnesota's Alexandre Daigle and Anahem goaltender

J.S. Giguere.

Teams will dress 12 players and play 20-minute games in a round-robin tournament style at

each stop.

# Sosa fined by Cubs for making early exit

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa was fined \$87,400 — one day's salary — for arriving late and leaving early for the Cubs' regular-season finale at Wrigley Field.

Sosa arrived 70 minutes before Sunday's first pitch, and he apparently left 15 minutes after the first pitch without putting on his uniform, according to security cameras in the

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Sun-Times he
was in the clubhouse until the seventh innig
and also said he was tired of manager Dusty Baker blaming him
for the Cubs' failures.

team's parking

lot. Sosa told

the Chicago

"It's certainly inexcusable for him not to be at the ballpark and not dressed with his teammates," General Manager Jim Hendry

The episode, following an injury-plagued season in which Sosa batted just .253 with 35 homers and 85 RBIs, has led to speculation the Cubs will try to trade

Sosa is to make \$17 million next season and the club has an \$18 million option for 2006 with a \$4.5 million buyout. If Sosa is traded, his 2006 contract becomes guaranteed and a 2007 club option is added at \$19 million with a \$4.5 million buyout.

#### Reds' Vander Wal becomes free agent

CINCINNATI — Pinch-hitter John Vander Wal chose free agency Wednesday instead of a demotion off the Reds' 40-man roster. Vander Wal, fifth on the career list with 126 pinch-hits, signed with the Reds as a free agent in January. then tore knee cartilage

while shoveling snow.

He was released and signed a minor league deal with Cincinnati while he rehabilitated the knee. He was added to the roster July 11 and hit .118 with two homers. He started seven games in right

Vander Wal finished the season hitless in his final 24 at-bats, the longest slumn of his career

#### Thomas has surgery on ankle

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas had surgery on his left ankle Wednesday and might not be ready for spring training.

Thomas, who played in only 74 games this season with the Chicago White Sox, had debris removed from the ankle, a bone graft and two screws inserted. The operation was performed by Dr. Richard Ferkel in Los Angeles.

A two-time MVP, Thomas will be in a cast for at least eight weeks and his recovery will take 4½ to six months.

The 36-year-old Thomas batted .271 with 18 home runs and 49 RBIs before being placed on the disabled list July 7. The designated hitter was leading the American League in on-base percentage (434) and walks (64) when he was sidelined

In 15 seasons, Thomas is hit-



Sammy Sosa's jersey remains on the hanger in the Chicago Cubs clubhouse after the final game of the season on Sunday. Sosa on Thursday was fined by the Cubs for arriving late and leaving early from the finale.

ting .308 with 436 homers. Thomas and Barry Bonds are the only active players with a .300 career average, 400 home runs, 1,000 RBIs, 1,000 runs and 1,000 walks

#### Indians DH Hafner has elbow surgery

CLEVELAND — Indians designated hitter Travis Hafner had surgery on his right elbow Wednesday and is expected to be ready for spring training.

Hafner, who batted .311 with 28 homers and 109 RBIs in 140 games, played with pain for much of the second half of the season.

The team said Hafner, who throws right-handed, had loose bodies and bone spurs removed from the elbow. Hafner's elbow problems limited him to just 10 starts at first base and forced him to miss the final week of the sea-

Hafner's 106 RBIs were the second most for a DH in team history, trailing Andre Thornton's 109 in 1982

#### A's claim Harikkala, waive Saarloos

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics claimed right-hander Tim Harikkala off waivers from the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday and designated right-hander Kirk Saarloos for as-

Harikkala went 6-6 with a 4.74 ERA in 55 relief appearances this season for Colorado. The A's are the sixth organization Harikkala has been in since being drafted by Seattle in 1992.

He has a career record of 7-8 with a 5.83 ERA in 74 appearanc-

Saarloos, acquired by Oakland on April 16 in a trade with Houston, was 2-1 with a 4.44 ERA in six appearances. He was placed on the disabled list July 30 with a bone spur in his right elbow and didn't return for the rest of the

During the recount of the 2000 Election in Florida, a lawyer wrote a memorandum explaining how to use legal technicalities to disqualify the Absentee Ballot Votes of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Guardsmen serving overseas.

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# Astros take first step along playoff trail

### Houston follows its ace in search of first playoff series victory

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Roger Clemens could have been taking his turn in the car pool, doing some yard work, relaxing in front of the television

And miss this? No way.

The Rocket is a step closer to getting back to the World Series, and the Houston Astros are along for the ride.

"We're very happy when we see Roger Clemens on the mound," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "That's the main thing: Roger Clemens is pitching for us.'

Picking up where they left off in the regular season, the wild-card Astros routed the Atlanta Braves 9-3 in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs Wednesday.

Houston is 0-for-7 in playoff series, losing three of its last four to the Braves. But there's a sense in the Astros' clubhouse that this could finally be their year

It starts with Clemens, who retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in last vear's World Series. About two months later, he changed his mind, jumping at the chance to play not far from suburban Hous-

The 42-year-old pitcher can't do it alone of course. The Astros have a lethal lineur that showed off its power in Atlanta, hitting four homers and setting a franchise record for runs in a postseason game

"This team feels real good about itself" Bagwell said. "We came in on a roll.

The Astros carried over their momentum from the regular season, when they



Jason Lane's ninth-inning homer capped the Houston Astros' 9-3 playoff defeat of Atlanta.

won 36 of the last 46 games to claim an improbable wild card.

Houston sent 20-game winner Roy Oswalt to the mound against Mike Hampton in Thursday's second game. The NL East champion Braves can't afford to go down 0-2 in a best-of-five series heading to Houston, where the Astros have an 18-game winning streak

"We have to win three of the next four second baseman Marcus Giles games "but we have done that plenty of

Brad Ausmus, Lance Berkman and Carlos Beltran homered off Braves starter Jaret Wright, who didn't make it through

Clemens showed the effects of a stomach virus that kent him from making his last start of the regular season. The Hall of Famer-to-be had two wild pitches and walked six — all in the first four innings and the most he's given up in a game since

Clemens also had trouble with his footing on the mound, but displayed plenty of grit in winning a Game 1 start for the first time in his storied career. The Braves stranded nine runners in those first four innings, when the Rocket was his most vul-

He wound up lasting seven innings, throwing 117 pitches, giving up six hits and two earned runs, while striking out seven.

"I had to will my way through that game," he said. "Sometimes, it takes more than talent or more than a 95 mph fastball. You have to will it.

to put off retirement, Clemens has been wearing a right-handed glove that was mistakenly sent to left-handed teammate Andy Pettitte, out for the season after elbow sur-

The glove has Pettitte's name stitched into the side.

The Astros trailed 1-0 when Ausmus led off the third by homering into the left-field seats, sparking a four-run inning. Bagwell had an RBI double — the first extra-base hit of his postseason career - and Berkman hit a two-run shot into the Braves bull-

Beltran knocked out Wright in the fifth with another two-run homer.

The Braves, meanwhile, were squandering all sorts of chances.

When Atlanta loaded the bases in the first on Berkman's error and two walks, Clemens limited the damage to Johnny Estrada's sacrifice fly. When the Brayes put runners at second and third in the second, Clemens struck out Rafael Furcal, who

may have had other things on his mind. The Brayes shortston was in the lineup just hours after being sentenced to three weeks in jail and four weeks in a treatment facility for his second drunken-driving ar-

He must report after the season, which could come sooner than he wants if the Braves don't start coming through with some clutch hits. Clemens walked the bases loaded in the third, but escaped by striking out rookie Charles Thomas.

The Braves put two more runners on in the fourth. Clemens took care of that by jamming J.D. Drew, whose shattered bat flew farther than his popup back to the mound.

"I thought we had a pretty good game plan," said Chipper Jones, who went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. "We got him to throw a lot of pitches early, but we missed opportunities

## Bradley, reporter clash over player's remarks

LOS ANGELES - Milton Bradley allegedly called a reporter an "Uncle Tom" after the Los Ange les Dodgers outfielder was asked how he was treated by St. Louis fans following a season-ending suspension for throwing a bottle into the stands

The confrontation occurred in the clubhouse at Busch Stadium after batting practice during an off day in the Los Angeles-St. Louis playoff series. Bradley fielded a question from Los Angeles Times reporter Jason Reid regarding fans during the Cardinals' 8-3 victory in Game 1.

It was the first game for Brad-

ley after being was suspended for the final five games of the regular season by Major League Baseball after a bottle-throwing tantrum during a victory over Colorado in Los Angeles, Bradley was thrown out of that game after a fan threw a plastic bottle at him shortly after he made a costly error that allowed two runs to score.

Bill Dwyre, sports editor for the Times, said that various reporters who were in the Dodgers clubhouse said that Bradley didn't like Reid's question. According to eyewitnesses and Reid's tape, Bradley said, "You're an Uncle Tom. You're a sellout."

Reid, who is black, took offense at the insult and began yelling at Bradley, who also is black, Dwyre

"We're terribly unhappy on how and why this happened," Dwyre said in a statement. "We back our reporter from every angle of this. We also agree with the Dodgers in the sense that this is something that can, and will be worked out between these two

Bradley claimed Reid kept pushing the issue and wouldn't leave him alone

"He was just one of those guys who wants to keep harping on it,"
Bradley told KCBS-TV. "I told him what I felt about the situation and I told him how I felt about how he was choosing to handle it He took offense to that and .. started getting physical with me. He had to be restrained by several people in the clubhouse as, you

know, I was walking away to leave the situation alone." "Ultimately this is an issue that needs to be settled between the two individuals, and we will work with them toward that end," Lon Rosen, the Dodgers' chief marketing officer, said in a statement.

Bradley last week apologized for the bottle-throwing tantrum and said he would seek help for anger problems.

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# Yankees need extra effort to win Game 2

# A-Rod, Jeter help tie series

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK - No more questions about Alex Rodriguez under

A-Rod and Derek Jeter teamed up to save Mariano Rivera, sparking a championship-caliber rally that carried the New York Yankees past the Minnesota Twins 7-6 in 12 innings Wednesday night, tying their playoff series at

a game apiece. "I don't think I want to watch it again, it was certainly one of the Yankees memorable games," manager Joe Torre said.

Especially for Rodriguez, whose tying double in the 12th was the huge hit New York waited for all season. Jeter then dashed home on Hideki Matsui's sacrifice fly as the Yankees completed another improbable postseason comeback, overcoming a rare October failure by Rivera

"Alex had a little trouble settling in here, but when you do this at Yankee Stadium in a postseason game, especially coming from behind. God only knows what it's going to do for him," Torre said

"You couldn't get a bigger hit." After falling behind in the 12th on Torii Hunter's home run off Tanyon Sturtze, the Yankees refused to fold. No surprise, be-cause New York set a major league record with 61 comeback wins during the regular season

'We never doubted ourselves. Gary Sheffield said, "We've done this all season. There's no reason

to think we couldn't do it again." Still, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner hardly seemed im-

"We've won nothing yet, gang. Nothing, yet. We've got work to do," Steinbrenner said. "It was

great to come back." Corev Koskie keved the Twins eighth-inning rally with a tying double against Rivera, who blew a save in the postseason for only the third time in 33 chances

Game 3 in the best-of-five AL series will be Friday night at the Metrodome, with Kevin Brown starting for the Yankees against Carlos Silva

Jeter, Rodriguez and Sheffield homered earlier in this game, and it went to extra innings tied at 5 It stayed that way until Hunter

But Twins closer Joe Nathan was running out of gas. He had made 43 straight appearances without going more than one inning, but manager Ron Gardenhire sent him out for a third inning for the first time since May 20, 2003, in hopes of finishing it.

"He was still throwing 94, 95, 96 mph." Gardenhire said. "It's a little disappointing. I probably left him out there too long. I

didn't like our options." Nathan walked No. 9 hitter Miguel Cairo and Jeter with one



Twins catcher Pat Borders fields the wide throw as the Yankees' Derek Jeter slides in to score the winning run in the 12th inning on Wednesday.

out in the 12th, bringing up Rodriguez, who hit only .248 with runners in scoring position in his first season with the Yankees

He's making up for all that in October. A-Rod hit a ground-rule double to left-center on Nathan's 49th pitch, tying the score at 6 with his fourth hit of the game. It gave him three RBIs, and made him 6-for-10 in the series.

"This team never gives up," Rodrignez said

Sheffield was intentionally walked before J.C. Romero renlaced Nathan With the outfield drawn in. Mat-

sui hit a liner directly at right fielder Jacque Jones that appeared too shallow to score Jeter from third

Jeter took off for the plate any-

way, and Jones' throw didn't have much on it. First baseman Matthew LeCroy relayed the ball to the plate, but Jeter slid in safely.

"I didn't care, I was going no matter what," Jeter said. "Sometimes you have to force guys to

make plays. Paul Quantrill got one out in the 12th for the win, retiring rook-

ie Jason Kubel with two on "For us to have a chance to go

up two games, 2-0, that was a tough one," Nathan said. "I'm really disappointed with the walks."

The Twins have won Game 1 in eight straight postseason series. only to lose Game 2 the last four

"You get a chance to beat them in Yankee Stadium, you can't let them off the hook." Shannon Stew-

# Sox: Angels bullpen falters in ninth

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Mike Timlin relieved Martinez to start the eighth, and gave up a single to Darin Er-stad before striking out Vladimir Guerrero. Francona then summoned

Mike Myers, who struck out Garret Anderson. Keith Foulke came on and

fanned Troy Glaus to end the

The Red Sox broke the game open in the ninth, scoring four runs off Brendan Donnelly. Ramirez doubled, Trot Nixon hit an RBI single and Orlando Cabrera lined a two-out, three-run double

Foulke retired the Angels in order in the bottom of the in-ning to earn the save.

You know they feel good when they get to their bullpen, like we do," Francona said. 'Not only did we get the lead but we tacked on a little bit. Somewhere down the line, that might help us. This bullpen has been invincible."

Rally Monkeys were everywhere in the last two innings on the scoreboard and in the stands. But the Angels couldn't score after the Red Sox took the lead. Guerrero's first postseason

hit — a two-run single with one out in the fifth — put the Angels on top 3-1. Anderson followed with a liner to first base that Millar caught before stepping on the bag for an in-

ing-ending double play.
Scioscia called that a turn-

ing point.

The Red Sox tied it in the sixth on Varitek's two-run homer after a two-out single by Millar.

The Red Sox took a 1-0 lead in the second when Ramirez drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk from Bartolo Colon. It could have been worse for the Angels, but with David Ortiz batting and the bases still load ed, catcher Jose Molina picked off Bellhorn at second.

The Angels tied it in their half on an RBI single by rookie Dallas McPherson before Martinez pitched out of a two-on, no-out jam.

Colon allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings. He was lifted after throwing 114 nitches

Notes: Molina caught for the

Angels instead of his brother, Bengie. Colon went 12-4 since July 3, with Jose, his brother's backup, starting in all but two of those wins. . . . Jose Molina picked off five baserunners this season. ... The Angels 3-4 hitters are struggling — Guerrero is 1-for-8 while Anderson

is hitless in eight at-bats. Ramirez, like Guerrero an MVP candidate, is 3-for-8 with five RBIs. . . . Only four teams have come back from 0-2 deficits to win a postseason series since the present playoff for-mat was adopted nine years



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# Angels' top hitters have bottomed out

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. own the stretch, the Anaheim Angels could always count on Vladimir Guerrero and Garret Anderson.

They're still waiting for the duo to get it done against the Boston Red Sox

Guerrero had a two-run single in the fifth inning Wednesday night, but he and Anderson are 1-for-16 overall in the best-of-five series - a prime reason why the Angels are heading to Boston down 2-0 after an 8-3 loss in Game 2.

Trailing by a run in the eighth inning Wednesday, Guerrero came to the plate with a runner on first with no outs and struck out against Mike Timlin

Boston went to reliever Mike Myers, and Anderson struck out, too. Anderson is 0-for-8 in the selieved and struck out Troy Glaus to end what was the Angels' last real chance

Anaheim lost the opener 9-3 Tuesday. Only four teams have come back from 0-2 deficits to win postseason series since the present playoff format was adopted nine years ago.

One of the major league's most powerful offensive teams during the regular season, the Angels have been relatively punchless during the division series.

Although they got a solid six innings by starter Bartolo Colon in Game 2, their offense couldn't muster much against Pedro Martinez and three Boston relievers.

They have scored just six runs in the two games. Guerrero, who hit .337 with 39 homers and 126 RBIs to help Anaheim win the AL West, is just 1-for-8 with two RBIs in the series.

In contrast, Boston's Manny Ramirez, an MVP candidate like Guerrero, is 3-for-8 with five

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# **Pedro delivers 2-0 lead**

## Boston's ace back in form vs. Angels

BY JOHN NADEL

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Pedro Martinez has no explanation for his dreadful September. He's just glad to have pitched well to begin October.

Martinez worked seven effective innings, Manny Ramirez drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly, and the wild-card Boston Red Sox beat the Anaheim Angels 8-3 Wednesday night for a commanding 2-0 lead in the AL division series.

The Red Sox will try to sweep the best-of-five series on Friday at Fenway Park, where they went 55-26 during the regular season.

Bronson Arroyo can put Boston back in the AL championship series when he starts against Kelvim Escobar.

Martinez had a 7.72 ERA while losing his last four starts of the regular season. He allowed three runs and six hits while walking two and striking out six against the Angels, retiring his last seven batters and leaving after 116 pitches.

"A lot of people doubted that man," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said of Martinez. "I never doubt that man."

Martinez, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, is 5-1 with a 3.19 ERA in the postseason.

"He's a big-game pitcher," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I thought he competed his heart out. There were some situations where at any point in that game if something doesn't go our way, we could lose the game. He gave everything he had to do what he did."

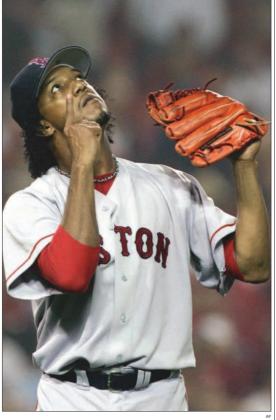
Regarding his poor finish to the regular season, Martinez said: "I wanted to do good. I just couldn't do it. But thank God I turned it around, and now I feel like I can pitch better. My arm feels great right now. I feel strong."

The 32-year-old right-hander

The 32-year-old right-hander was so frustrated after losing to New York on Sept. 25 that he said: "What can I say — just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy. I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

He hasn't had trouble beating the Angels, going 9-1 with a 2.12 ERA against them in the regular season.

"This was probably the best stuff he has had against us all yean," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "I think Pedro is terrific when maybe the situation gets a little hot. He gets an extra gear.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez points to the sky after striking out Anaheim Angels' Chone Figgins for the last out of the seventh inning of Game 2 of the AL division series on Wednesday.

"Boston went out and did what they had to do. They won against one of the best bullpens in baseball. These two games, they've taken it to us. We haven't gotten into our game like we can."

The Angels don't have much margin for error now.

"They're up two games, but you

never know what's going to happen," Escobar said. "We're down two, on the road. I like the pressure."

The Red Sox scored the go-ahead run in the seventh off Francisco Rodriguez, who won a record-tying five postseason games two years ago to help the Angels win the World Series.

It was tied at 3 when Bill Mueller got an infield hit and Johnny Damon hit into a forceout. Mark Bellhorn walked before Rodriguez threw a wild pitch, putting runners at second and third. Ramirez then flied to center, easily deep enough to score Damon.

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